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TAX BILL LETTER SPARKS STORM

Report Deborah Hardiman

A POLITICAL row is brewing at Walsall Council after red-raced officers say they were forced to write more than 110,000 letters to homes in the borough after a mistake was spotted on recent council tax bills.

The letters with the correct breakdown on where taxpayers' money was being spent were sent out to 111,142 homes in the borough after an error in previous correspondence, highlighting council tax levied by West Midlands Fire Service and the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner.

The fire service and civil defence portion of the bill is £35.91, while the police's is £69.65. But the amounts were listed the wrong way round. The mistake occurred when the borough's council tax bills were first sent out to residents last month.

Walsall Council blamed human error for the mistake and said it was a legal requirement to send out fresh letters to inform taxpayers. It also said the letter was posted along with a previously planned mail shot to promote its energy switching scheme and incurred 'no extras cost'.

Council leader Mike Bird said: "This was an operational matter caused by human error by a member of staff. The figures were correct, but unfortunately were wrongly transposed on the council tax bills. As a result we have to correct the mistake, which is a legal requirement.

However, now the council's deputy Labour opposition group leader, Councillor Sean Coughlan, criticised the decision to post the letters.

"It would be laughable, but right now this council is sacking care workers who look after the elderly and disabled as it finds £21 million in cuts, and the effect of those cuts on staff and their clients is far from funny.

"The council has a communications department that spends in excess of £600,000 a year. It could have saved £32,000 by just sending out a press release. I would like to know how this came about and how the council can justify this spend in the present circumstances of massive cuts in front line services."

On Twitter, council spokeswoman Tina Faulkner tweeted: "The cost was £32,841 but we combined letters with a planned fuel switch mail shot so no extra cost."

Officer in attempt to rescue lake man

Christopher Mills

A POLICE officer dived into the lake at Walsall Arboretum to try to help a young father who was last seen getting into difficulty but then could not find him, an inquest heard.

Smethwick Coroner's Court heard last week that a member of the public saw Chris Mills, aged 26, of Walsall, entered the lake and appeared to be getting into difficulty on April 15.

Coroner's officer Margaret Collins said:"They could see him in the water. The police officer entered the lake but by the time they got to where he was, they could not find him."

His body was found the next day. A post-mortem established he had drowned. The inquest was adjourned.

Friends and family of Mr Mills, of Stag Hill Road, Blakenall, described him as a real life 'Del-Boy' who wanted to make people 'happy.'

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Arboretum litter pick

SIXTEEN bags of rubbish were removed from Walsall Arboretum in a litter pick.

Volunteers from the Princes Trust and Asda St Matthew's collected cans, bottles, crisp packets and wrappers left by visitors .

It was organised after 26-year-old Chris Mills drowned in a lake at the site last month. Asda community life champion Martin Bateman said: "We wanted to bring a bit of positivity back to the arboretum."

Revamp of market to be delayed

EXTRA time is to be taken to establish designs for the multi-million pound Walsall Market after concerns from traders.

A new site is being created for the market, which dates back almost 800 years.

Fears were raised about the robustness of the demountable stalls, whether a back-to-back layout will work and accessibility.

Council chiefs are now poised to grant additional time to look at the feedback from traders and the public following a consultation to draw up more detailed designs.

An extension to the time has been recommended by the regeneration scrutiny and performance panel and is expected to be agreed by senior councillors.

Councillor Louise Harrison, chair of the panel, said: "It's a good idea to extend the original timescale. There's a been a good response to the consultation and the council has to get this right."

Councillor Dennis Anson added: "Whilst I agree we should extend the timescale for the project, my concern is that we don't kill off the rest of the town by placing it at The Bridge.

"Historically, it has always been up the High Street and my opinion is that it should stay there."

Twin town artists show work

French exchange . . . Norma Mills with Pierre and Jeanine Blanchard from Drancy

ARTWORK by French painters has been on display at a church in Willenhall as part of a long-standing partnership with a village.

The town has been twinned with Drancy, near Paris, since 1959 and in recent years artists have been exchanging their work.

As a result, 23 pieces by French painters are being exhibited at The Crossing at St Paul's until today (Thursday).

And residents in Drancy will be able to view the brush strokes of arty people from Willenhall with their work set to be displayed in France when members of Willenhall's twinning committee take them over.

The pieces currently on show include watercolour, oil and acrylic paintings.

It is the 10th time artists have swapped work. Twinning committee secretary Norma Mills said everyone involved enjoyed the art swap.

Benefits fraudster paid £67k for house

A MAN was able to pay more than £67,000 in cash to buy a house while illegally claiming tens of thousands of pounds in state handouts, a judge heard.

Nurul Choudhury, of Thorpe Road, Walsall, had been pocketing pension, housing and council tax benefits to which he was not entitled for three years when he made the purchase.

He continued the scam for a further two years before the authorities learned what he had done, Mr David Lees, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

The 73-year-old was overpaid almost £34,500 between 2007 and 2013.

Mr Lees said: "He continued to claim benefits while failing to declared the significant number of cash savings he had in a number of bank accounts. In fact, these were so great that in May 2010 he was able to purchase a house for £67,111."

Choudhury admitted failing to declare a change in circumstances that would affect benefits and to making dishonest representation to obtain pension credit.

Mr Lees said Choudhury was paid £21,455 pension credit and £12,866 housing and council tax benefit.

Mr Tariq Shakoor, defending, said he had repaid the money and was receiving nominal benefits. He was bailed until May 23.

Family fun at church event

A MOBILE climbing tower and face painting are among the activities at a funday being organised by a church run community project.

The event will be in the grounds of Green Lane Baptist Church, Walsall on Saturday. Attractions include the popular Reach Up Tower, barbecue, nail art, card making, hair braiding and a bouncy castle.

The family funday will run from noon to 3pm. Some activities will be free and some will cost 50p.

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Stephen celebrates as fund hits £3m

A new thumbs up from Stephen

DYING teenager Stephen Sutton's fundraising drive has smashed the £3 million mark.

The cancer sufferer from Burntwood has released a new 'thumbs up' photograph of himself as donations continued to flood in for his fundraising appeal for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The 19-year-old is in hospital after his condition deteriorated but he has shown improvements after coughing up a tumour. Posting his new picture online he wrote: "One week ago I posted a 'thumbs up farewell' photo that went viral. As mentioned, at that point a genuinely thought I was a goner, but one week on I'm still here!"

He said his medical team was currently discussing what to do next, but added:"To celebrate still being here after this crazy week, to celebrate this wonderful journey called life, and to celebrate being part of raising over £3,000,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust . . . Here's a huge thumbs up from me!!!!"

At the weekend 15 men had their legs, backs and armpits waxed at the Tanzotique beauty salon in Chasetown to support Stephen's campaign.

Assurance given after rise in borough crime

CRIME across Walsall is on the increase – with domestic violence cases up by nearly a fifth, new figures reveal, but there has been a fall in anti-social behaviour.

The council's Safer Walsall Partnership has drawn up an action plan for the coming year in a bid to tackle problems. Bosses claim the increase is down to more people having the courage to report crimes.

They insist that the increase should not cause concern and that ongoing campaigns are working.

There was a total of 16,057 incidents of recorded crime across the borough in 2013/14 – up 3.8 per cent from 15,476 the year before.

But anti-social behaviour fell by nearly 14 per cent, from 6,597 to 5,690.

Domestic violence has risen by 19.2 per cent from 1,071 to 1,277, while violence against a person is up 12.7 per cent from 2,930 to 3,303.

Current

Councillor Zahid Ali, chairman of the Safer Walsall Partnership Policing and Crime Board, said: "Although there has been a very slight increase in total recorded crime over the past year, it is important to balance this against a prolonged period of year on year reductions and an increase in our population.

"The current social and economic climate has impacted across the country, and Walsall is no different.

"The challenge will be how we respond to these areas of increased offending and ensure victims are supported and perpetrators effectively brought to justice.

"Police reported anti –social behaviour has continued to decrease, though it remains a key concern for our residents and, in response to this, it is a priority for partners."

Full-time nears for job at club

THERE are just a few days left for people to apply to manage a Walsall football club that will be returning to action in August after being pulled from the league last season.

Bosses at the 140-year-old Darlaston Town FC announced last week that a deal has been signed for the team to play at Bentley Road South playing fields.

And the deadline for applications for the manager's job is May 9 at 6pm.

The club has applied to join the West Midlands Regional League and will know whether its bid has been successful following the league's annual general meeting on June 16.

Club chairman Neil Chambers said "We have raised the necessary funds to start again next season and now we need to appoint a manager.

"We have already received several applications and I have received numerous telephone and text enquiries.

"We received one application less than one hour after it appeared on our website and facebook page."

Hopefuls should email their CV to chambers568@btinternet.com

Super heroes' charity walkies

THE popular Acorns Children's Hospice dog walk event will take place for the first time in Walsall Arboretum.

The charity is asking supporters old and new to bring their canine companions for a morning of walking and activities to raise funds to support hundreds of life-limited and life-threatened children on June 15.

The Acorns Dog Walk offers two routes, 3km or 6km, so dogs of all ages, shapes and sizes can take part.

They are encouraged to dress up to show off their inner super hero, and their trusty side-kick owners are welcome to join in.

Events manager Ian Carr said: "We are so pleased to be bringing back this wonderful, fun event for a third year.

Heroic

"Canine companions can help raise essential funds, which we rely on to help local children who are in need of specialist care and their families, who need support.

"So by getting involved, pets and their owners really are doing something heroic."

It costs £5 per dog to cover costs and Acorns asks owners to raise as much as they can on top of that.

The Acorns Dog Walk has raised £15,000 to date, enough to provide 480 hours of specialist nursing care at the local children's hospice.

For more information on the event visit www.acorns.org.uk/dogwalk, email events @acorns.org.uk, or call 0844 984 0405.

Acorns community fundraising manager for the Black Country, Sally Insley,with super dogs Lola and Dodger

£3,000 is collected after lake tragedy

MORE than £3,000 has been raised to help pay for the funeral costs of a young father who drowned in Walsall Arboretum lake.

Hundreds of friends and family members gathered at the Liberal Club, Birchills, to pay their respects to 26-year-old Chris Mills who got into difficulty in the water last month.

Close friend Tina Wood organised the event with Chris's cousin Donna Hurd.

In total £3,615 was raised with Mr Mills's family left overwhelmed.

His mum, Denise Sargent thanked everyone. "It has been a tremendous effort," she said. "As a family we are so grateful to the community for their support."

His grandmother, Polly Wilkinson, who he lived with in Walsall, said: "Everybody loved him so much. You can see that from the number of people here. He was a lovely lad and would help anyone. He wanted everyone to be happy."

Tina said: "It was a tremendous night. It was very emotional seeing so many people who donated so much to help Chris's family arrange his funeral."

Donations can be made at Paypal.com via email Millsythelegend14@gmail.com

Young movie buffs' invite

YOUNG film buffs are being invited to help make cinemas across the Black Country more exciting for children and youngsters.

People aged between 14 and 19 are being offered the opportunity to become 'film ambassadors' at independent cinemas in the region.

Successful applicants will help decide the films shown and work with film distributors and production companies, and take part in film workshops. Meetings are at the Light House Media Centre in Wolverhampton, mac Birmingham. Visit www.artsconnectwm.co.uk

Chess lessons

FREE chess lessons are being given at Bloxwich Library today, Thursday The session which runs at the library in Elmore Row from 4-5pm is being run by Eunice and Ray Dolan. For more details call 07980 101744 or email raymonddolan5@gmail.com

Man who fell down drainhole injured

A MAN was taken to hospital after falling down a 12ft hole.The injured man managed to climb out despite having a suspected broken leg in Darlaston last Wednesday.

Paramedics were called to former industrial premises in Kendricks Road at around 5.20pm and were at the scene an hour.

The man, believed to be in his 20s, suffered cuts, a knee injury and possible fractured leg after falling down a drainhole.

West Midlands Ambulance Service said an ambulance, paramedic officer in a rapid response vehicle and the Hazardous Area Response Team attended the scene.

Spokesman Steve Parry said: "Ambulance crews responded to a man who had reportedly fallen down what appears to be a drainhole.

"The man, believed to be in his 20s, managed to get himself out of the hole before crews arrived.

"He was treated for facial and arm lacerations together with a knee injury and a possible fractured leg.

"The patient was immobilised with the use of a neck collar, spinal board and leg splint before being taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital."

Yobs-target trees hope

TREES are likely to be replaced by Walsall council after they were torn down by vandals. The four trees in Bank Street, Willenhall were cut down sparking anger among residents.

Keith Stone, assistant director for Neighbourhood Services at Walsall Council, said: "The council are aware of the problem and understand the matter has been reported to the police which we fully support.

"Such wilful vandalism is very disappointing. We will consider replacing the trees following further consultation with local residents."

Using documents

YOUNG historians can find out how to use old documents at a workshop. History Seekers is due at Wolverhampton Archives and Local Studies on Saturday from 10.30am to midday. It is suitable for children aged eight and over. Call the Archives on 01902 552480.

Dogged animal carers help save Katie's sight

Volunteer Tina Rapson is seen with Katie

WHEN Katie the basset hound was brought into an animal sanctuary a few weeks ago, her future looked bleak.

Neglected and dishevelled, her bloodshot eyes were sore, putting her at risk of blindness, and her mouth was full of ulcers too.

However, it was a shaggy dog story with a happy ending after a young volunteer at the centre took Katie to her heart – and in just two weeks raised the money for a sight-saving operation. Tina Rapson, aged 18, is a volunteer at the Carers Anonymous Animal Rescue Sanctuary at Essington.

And when Katie was brought into the centre in Sneyd Lane, Tina immediately fell in love with her. When a vet said she needed an operation costing £250 to save her sight, Tina decided she was going to raise the money. She set up the Katie Bassett Appeal Fund, and within two weeks had raised the cash for the surgery.

Fellow volunteer at the centre, Julie Jones, said when Katie was brought into the centre she was in a bad state. "I don't think she had been abused, but she hadn't been looked after very well," said Mrs Jones.

"She had a very bad case of cherry eye, a condition which makes dogs' eyes go red, and her eyes were very sore where she had been rubbing them. We took him to our vet, Companion Care based at Pets At Home in Cannock, and they said the operation would normally cost £400. However the vet there said he would do it for £250, so Tina set about raising the money."

Tina posted regular updates about Katie's progress as well as several pictures, and Mrs Jones said the page picked up quite a following. She added that Katie was now well on the road to recovery, and had become something of a favourite with visitors to the centre.

Dealer suspect led police to huge haul of drugs at flat

POLICE uncovered a near £80,000 haul of heroin, cocaine and cash in a Black Country flat after spotting a suspected dealer leaving the block, a judge heard.

Prosecutor Mr Andrew Wilkins described it as a 'drug warehouse' at Wolverhampton Crown Court. Ruhel Ahmed – on an electronically tagged curfew while on bail for an earlier drug offence – was seized.

The officers spotted a car linked to him parked in Walsall on January 3, it was said. Mr Andrew Wilkins, prosecuting said: "A front seat passenger seemed to be smoking heroin and they saw the defendant walking towards the vehicle. As the officers approached he dropped a package containing heroin."

Ahmed also had a key that fitted a flat in the block he had just left in Fellows Park Gardens, Pleck where police found over £40,000 worth of heroin, cocaine valued at £7,400 and £30,600 cash, the court heard.

Mr Wilkins continued: "Ahmed was working as a manager in charge of the day to day dealings of the drug store." Mohin Safdar, the 19-year-old passenger in the saloon car had £1600 worth of heroin hidden in his clothing.

Ahmed put a mobile phone SIM card – containing tell tale text messages – into his mouth but failed to swallow it. Drug dealing paraphernalia was later discovered at his home.

Ahmed from Wednesbury Road, Walsall, admitted possessing heroin and cocaine with intent to supply and supplying heroin. Safdar of Rutter Street, Palfrey pleaded guilty to possessing heroin with intent to supply and was given 12 months detention suspended under supervision for a year with 150 hours unpaid work.

Cash pledge from Connie

Connie seen with her fans

TEEN singing star Connie Talbot has embarked on a tour of South Korea and has pledged to donate profits from her concerts to help families of victims of the ferry disaster which has hit the country.

The 13-year-old from Walsall shot to fame is on ITV talent show Britain's Got Talent at the age of six and is a regular visitor to the Far East including China where she has legions of fans. She spent the Easter break in South Korea where the Sewol ferry sank with 476 passengers on a routine trip near Seoul two weeks ago.

Connie, who lives in Streetly, said on social network Twitter: "Such a sad time to visit. Profits from the concerts will be given towards the ferry accident."

Pupils book themselves a big prize

Shark fan Jake Bayliss, of St Thomas More Catholic School, loves to get his teeth into a good book

BOOKWORMS at a school in Willenhall have won 100 books for their library after pupils read more than 400 in less than six weeks.

Almost 100 pupils at St Thomas More Catholic School volunteered to take part in the scheme organised by Read for My School, which is a partnership between the publishers Pearson, The Booktrust and the Department for Education.

One of the most avid young readers at the school was 12-year-old Jake Bayliss, from Bentley, who read 20 books and was particularly fascinated by sharks. He said: "Everything about sharks interests me, how they swim, hunt and work together. I just want to read more and more. But I love other books as well."

Nationally more than 200,000 pupils have read over 850,000 books with Pearson donating 100,000 books in prizes to participating schools.

Group leaves camp set up on sports pitch

TRAVELLERS who had set up camp at a sports pitch that recently reopened to the public after a £475,000 revamp project have left the site. It was the second time in nine months that travellers have moved on to Broadway West Playing Fields, Walsall.

But residents in the area said the group of around eight caravans and towing vehicles has now moved on from the land. The playing fields had been unused for a decade but was reopened by Mayor of Walsall Councillor Mohammad Nazir last month after a major clean-up operation to install new topsoil and an engineering cap after routine soil examinations revealed significant levels of dangerous metals.

The group was believed to have moved onto the ground near the Walsall to Birmingham railway line off Wallows Lane, Bescot, on Thursday.

NEWS in brief

Bulgarians get ready for bouts

BOXING is on the bill at Walsall town hall in Lichfield Street on May 16. Headliners Jason Welborn and Luke Paddock face Bulgarians Stanislav Nenkov and Kristian Dochev.

Others fighting include Tipton's Lee Glover, Cradley's Chris Male, Staffordshire's Rob Hunt, Halesowen's Lennox Clarke, Wolverhampton's Des and Sid Bowater.

Tickets are £30 or £60 available from Walsall Town Hall box office on 0845 111 2900.

Regional anthem to boost cause

COMPTON Hospice is set to benefit from a song which has been created to mark Black Country Day.

On July 17, businesses, community groups and residents will come together to celebrate the area's first ever dedicated day.

Musicians The Empty Can are releasing a song, I Vow to Thee Black Country, available to pre-order from today, Thursday, for 99p with money going to the hospice. To buy it, email blackcountryday@hotmail.co.uk

Musicians needed for charity night

THE Robin2, Bilston is looking for musicians for its charity Black Country Day Bash on July14.

Proprietor Mike Hamblett wants musicians to give their services for free so he can put together a show at the Mount Pleasant venue. He isis also looking for local charity nomination.

If you are interested email your details to Mike at music@therobin.co.uk

Road closed for sewer connection

A MAIN road running through Pelsall will be closed for major roadworks. The A4124 Wolverhampton Road will be closed between its junctions with Wood Lane and School Lane from 10pm on Friday to 8am on May 5.

It is to allow a sewer connection to be made to a new housing estate. There will be a signed diversion.

Lowe show go

SINGER and all round raconteur Jez Lowe will be playing the Willenhall Folk & Acoustic Club at The Victory Club, Lichfield Road, New Invention, on Wednesday May 21 with the show starting at 8.15pm. Tickets are £5.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

OH, the indignity! From now on, anyone borrowing money to buy a house will have to convince the bank that they can afford the repayments. This tough new procedure has been denounced by one City slicker as "onerous and intrusive." The rest of us will regard it as commonsense – especially if it's my bank lending the money.

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IT was, of course, a lack of such financial control under the Blair/Brown governments that led directly to Britain's financial crisis. I recall one couple some years ago at the height of mortgage-madness who told me they'd borrowed £400,000 to buy a restaurant without any savings or proof of income. It all ended in tears, for them and millions like them.

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"THE most thankless job in the world." Correspondent Peter Osborne's description of the minister for tourism in Syria.

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THE BBC at first blamed "sound issues" for the incomprehensible lines in this week's mini-series Jamaica Inn (BBC1). Did anyone buy that? What we heard was an exercise in that ancient theatrical craft of speaking in Mumbleshire rural gibberish. The actors could have spoken more clearly. They either chose or were directed not to ("It's Cornwall, darling, no-one's supposed to understand."). The result was lots of us switching on the subtitles. I was reminded of a night at the theatre when I seriously thought I was going deaf, so bad was the muffled mumbling on the stage. And then that great actor and all-round national treasure Celia Imrie made her entrance. Every word she spoke was crystal-clear. Cancel the hearing aids.

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UKIP stands accused of racism over its election posters. But then we are all racists - it's just a question of how low you set the qualifying bar. I was accused of "appalling racism" a few days ago for suggesting that the US diplomat Zbigniew Brzezinski had a name like a winning line in Scrabble. A Daily Telegraph reader recently described being ticked off by a teacher for uttering the word "blackboard" (negative ethnic overtones, apparently). Ukip's posters are certainly blunt, but then whoever said election posters had to pussyfoot around the issues?

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A FREEDOM of Information request reveals that 67 NHS doctors have signed abortion forms without even seeing the woman involved. But no-one is to be prosecuted or even reported to the police by the General Medical Council. Labour MP Jim Dobbin says: "This shames the GMC and makes a mockery of the Abortion Act." Actually, it's worse than that. It is a warning of how euthanasia will work if it is ever legalised. Over the years, all the safeguards on abortion have been swept aside and the safeguards on euthanasia will go the same way. Abortion on demand has been promoted as "a woman's right to choose." Euthanasia on demand will arrive with the slogan "a family's right to choose," or some such nonsense. But remember - as ye sow, ye reap. For the babyboomer generation, now in their 60s and 70s, who have allowed abortion to happen on an industrial scale will be the first generation to be helped off this planet with a lethal overdose, whether they want to go or not.

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A FRIEND whose car mysteriously broke down and refused to start has been told by the garage that it's probably a fault with the immobiliser. On the other hand, it could be the immobiliser working perfectly - but at the wrong time. Progress, eh?

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OUR changing language. Did you catch the lady from the Met Office promising us "a sandwich of sunshine"? We got a doughnut of damp.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Crackdown on yobs at village park

POLICE are to step up patrols in a village park after claims it has become a magnet for underage drinking, drug-taking and vandalism.

In the latest incident at Swan Park, Essington, police found 11 youths behaving in an unruly manner When officers arrived, they found rubbish strewn across the park, and one youngster was arrested for possession of cannabis.

One woman who lives near the site said: "It may seem like a minority causing the trouble for some, but we are the ones who have been threatened and verbally abused by drunk and drugged youths."

She called for the park to be closed in the evenings. Another resident said: "I have a nephew who is two and he loves going, but my sister is hesitant whether to take him sometimes because she knows that the youths will probably be there and it will be a mess."

Sgt Tim Heap, of Staffordshire Police said officers made the youths tidy up the park following the incident. "The park was a tip, with rubbish strewn everywhere, including empty alcohol bottles," he said. Full bottles of alcohol were also found under a bench, which an officer poured away in front of the youths. One was arrested for possession of cannabis and taken into custody before receiving a caution. He said of the 11 youths present, six were from Essington, three from Ashmore Park, and two from Cheslyn Hay.

Chairman of Essington Parish Council, Councillor David Clifft, said a Park Watch scheme was also being introduced.

£120k safety boost for town blackspot

A MAIN road in Walsall will undergo £120,000 of safety improvements following a series of accidents, under new plans.

Bloxwich Road has been earmarked for new surfacing, markings, signs and better pedestrian refuges as part of the scheme. The investment will fund improvements on the stretch between Harden Road and Elmore Green, Bloxwich, leading towards the High Street.

by Craig Hughes

It comes after 19 accidents on the route in three years from November 2010, three of which were classed as serious.

In October last year, a young girl was rushed to hospital with a head injury after a BMW collided with a taxi near to Field Road.

News of the proposed safety measures, which includes an extended refuge outside Asda, has been welcomed by councillors.

Julie Fitzpatrick, representative for Bloxwich, said: "It is a very busy route and I welcome any investment around that area. By Asda is definitely the dangerous part for me and I have seen accidents there."

It comes as separate proposals are being looked at for a 20mph speed limit through Bloxwich High Street.

Highways officers are looking at plans worth more than £230,000 as part of a review of roads being carried out by the council.

The proposals being worked on include a 20mph zone with raised table top junctions.

Council chiefs have said any work is not due to happen in the financial year and more firm details will need to be drawn up. There were 25 accidents – of which five were considered serious – between November 2010 and 2013.

Meanwhile, the council is looking at ploughing more than £350,000 into improving an accident hotspot after more than 40 crashes on the route in three years.

It is looking at securing funds for safety improvements along the busy Wednesbury Road, which links the town centre and Pleck. Changes being considered include improving a junction on the road, as well as markings and pedestrian refuges.

One scheme which will definitely go ahead is along Broadway West. Better road signs, road markings and pedestrian refuges will be installed as part of a £55,000 scheme.

Spotlight on rogues

ROGUE traders have been warned their actions will not be tolerated as part of a crackdown. Trading standards officers and police in Walsall recently carried out spot checks as part of a day of action.

This included numberplate checks on vehicles and speaking to traders working on homes. Brian Jones, principal trading standards officer at Walsall Council, said: "Rogue traders often work door to door. The work they carry out is of a very poor standard and they often use intimidation to 'encourage' home owners to accept offers of work." For more advice, call 08454 040506 or 0208 1850 710.

He's a knockout, my son

Luke Staples and his dad Paul with coach Pete Till who is starting boxing sessions

BOXING and beauty will be the subjects of the first two courses to be launched by a community hub in Walsall.

Ryecroft Community Hub, in New Forest Road, will be running new lads and dads boxing fitness sessions from May 7 while a beauty course for mothers and daughters will launch in June. The courses will both run on Wednesdays for 44 weeks. Retired professional boxer Pete Till will coach the lads and dads sessions. Colin Knott, Ryecroft Community Hub manager, said: "This is the first stage of the development of the community hub. The lads and dads boxing sessions are going to be about fitness, rather than teaching people how to fight."

The boxing and beauty sessions will run on Wednesdays, with the boxing taking place from 6pm to 7pm and the beauty course running from 6pm to 8pm. A father and son can take part in the boxing sessions for a total of £2 per week.

Anyone interested can call Mr Knott on 07931 839328 or visit www.ryecroftnrc.org

Pledge on bins after service is backed

BIN collection improvements will be considered by council chiefs in Walsall following feedback from residents.

Environment bosses say they will look at making improvements – despite more than 85 per cent of people backing the service in a survey. Hundreds of people were asked to give their opinions on the collection of rubbish and recycling bins, as part of a people panel.

They were asked about a range of issues and council chiefs say it has provided valuable feedback.

In a report to the council, environment chief councillor Mohammed Arif, said: "We have created a people's panel which we are using to seek residents' views and opinions initially on ways in which we could improve our waste collection service.

"542 people registered to join the panel. This revealed that 86 per cent were satisfied with Christmas collections while 91 per cent of respondents rated the bin collection leaflet as either good or very good.

"Nevertheless I want to improve the service still further and we have had some constructive feedback about what best to do when we are unable to collect someone's bin."

A colourful gallery event

THE New Art Gallery Walsall will explode into life as part of the National Museums At Night festival and Mental Health Awareness Week.

Produced by A Colourful Crowd, this one-off event on Thursday, May 15, is inspired by Julie Nord's The Roommates, the gallery's artwork of the month.

Like Julie's work, #TheCrowd promises you an evening of colourful interactions, challenging issues and much organised chaos including live music and dance. For details email hello@colourfulcrowd.co.uk

Fuchsia group

THE Next Meeting of the Sutton Coldfield Fuchsia Society is due next Thursday, starting at 8pm, where Ian Strawson will be giving a talk on fuchsias. Visitors are invited to attend the meeting which is being held at Sutton Coldfield Conservative Club, in Jockey Road.

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Man who exposed himself is sought

A MAN who exposed himself to a woman as she walked home is being hunted by police.

The suspect was seen by a 50-year-old woman as she walked along Hollyhedge Lane, near to the junction with Wolverhampton Road, in Birchills, Walsall.

The woman heard a noise, leading her to look in undergrowth at the side of the road, where she saw a man with his trousers and underwear around his ankles. The woman ran to a nearby garage to report the matter, during which time the man ran off.

PC Joel Haden, from Walsall Police Investigation Team, said: "The lady was very shaken by what happened and we are concerned that this man would expose himself in this way, in full view of people passing by."

The man is described as white, in his 30s, of medium build and average height. He was wearing a black hooded top, was unshaven and had a dark appearance to the lower half of his face.

Police revealed details of the incident which happened on March 13 at around 5.10pm.

Anyone with information can call Walsall Police on 101 or speak to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Body in water is mannequin

EMERGENCY services were called to reports of a body in a lake in Walsall which turned out to be a mannequin.

Fire crews from Walsall and Bilston, the special water rescue unit, police, an ambulance and paramedics were called to the lake off Poplar Avenue, Bentley, at about 3pm last Tuesday.

Firefighter Gary Matthews, from Walsall fire station, said: "We found out it was a mannequin quite early on when residents told us. It was fortunate that it was not a body but it was a waste of resources."

Increase sewn up

ORGANISERS of a trio of NEC shows reported a 20 per cent increase in visitor numbers. ICHF Events said more than 35,000 people visited its Sewing For Pleasure, Fashion Embroidery & Stitch, and Hobbycrafts events last month.

Girl thrown into the air by impact of bike

Demi- Lee Broadway, with mum Emma

A 10 year-old girl suffered a fractured skull after she was catapulted into the air after being knocked down on a pedestrian crossing as she walked home.

Demi-Lee Broadway spent time in a wheelchair and was unable to do physical activities for two months after being struck by a speeding motorbike rider in Bentley Road North, Walsall.

Sean Sconce had overtaken a bus and was on the wrong side of the road as he hit the schoolgirl, who had been to the shops with her younger sister.

The 25-year-old pleaded guilty to causing serious injury by dangerous driving on September 28 last year when he appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court.

The case was adjourned for three weeks for a pre-sentence report where he was told all options would be open to the court. Mrs Jenny Winzor, prosecuting, said the accident, which involved a Suzuki GSXR 900 at just after 12 noon, had been captured on the bus CCTV.

The bus driver saw two young children, Demi-Lee and eight-year-old sister Ruby, at the crossing so the bus stopped.

But Sconce, of Wrexham Avenue, Bentley, overtook the bus, going onto the other side of the road, and hit the pupil of County Bridge school.

The hearing was told he was travelling at 38mph. The youngster suffered a compressed fracture to the skull and her ankle was in a cast for eight weeks.

She was forced to use a wheelchair for six weeks, but the court was told the skull had healed and there was no permanent damage. Mr Brij Chaudhry, defending, said no-one felt more devastated than his client, who is an engineer's mate, and who remained at the scene.

"There was no traffic coming the other way so to that degree it was a safe manoeuvre," he said.

"He forgot there was a pedestrian crossing that is actually where the bus had come to a halt. He made a mistake, it was a momentary lapse in concentration." Magistrates issued an interim disqualification ahead of the sentencing on May 19.

Tributes to Chris who put happiness of others first

HE was a real-life 'Del Boy' who wanted to making all around him 'happy'. Those are the loving words of the devastated family of Chris Mills who tragically died after drowning in Walsall Arboretum lake aged just 26.

Speaking for the first time since his death, his family paid tribute to the young father got into difficulties in the water at around 7.30pm on Tuesday April 15. They also thanked the hundreds of people who had passed on their condolences.

He did casual building work and is survived by his mother Denny Sargent, sister Hayley, and young son Brandon-Lee Mills.

He lived with his grandmother Polly Wilkinson in Walsall. In statement they said: "He was our very own Del Boy. Always wheeling and dealing, he tried to look out for everyone. His favourite saying was 'I'm happy as long as you are happy'."

"Nothing was too much trouble for him. He loved his music, being with the lads, and going to the gym.

Depend

"He'd turn his hand to anything and always have a go at anything with little or no payment at all to help others.

"He always wanted to make everyone happy and to make them laugh.

"There are not many people in life you can depend on but you could always depend on Chris.

He was always just a phone call away. He was loyal, caring and thoughtful. "As a family we are traumatised but overwhelmed with the community support we have been receiving. It shows how much he was truly loved not only by his family but by everyone who had the privilege of meeting him."

A fundraising evening was arranged for Saturday at Birchills Liberal Club to help pay for his funeral costs.

His friend of 15 years Tina Wood has organised the event for the former Manor Farm School pupil. The 36-year-old said: "Not a soul can say a bad word about Chris he was so loved and always wanted to make people happy. We knew him as the Walsall Wanderer because he was always about and willing to help anyone in any way he could."

Police divers carry out their search at Walsall Arboretum's lake, on April 16

The dozens of floral tributes left at the site where Mr Mills died

Emergency services rushed to the scene and two police officers went into the lake in an attempt to rescue him, but were unable to reach him underwater.

A post mortem examination found that he died from drowning. His death is not being treated as suspicious but officers continue to investigate why he was in the water.

Mr Mills grew up in Walsall and attended Blue Coat Junior School, Harden Primary School and Manor Farm Community School as a youngster.

A Facebook page called 'Millsy's fundraisin page' has attracted almost 800 likes, with several comments left by those who knew him. Jonas Sunshine Sleeves, posted: "RIP to my cousin Christopher. Your gonna be missed so much. Still can't believe you're gone."

Meanwhile Hayley Sargent wrote: "Thank u every1 means so much n I nw my brother would do it 4 all u so thanks a lot."

Walsall Arboretum staff also paid tribute on their own Facebook page. "The staff here at the Arboretum wish to express our sadness at such a tragic event and our thoughts go out to the family and friends of the man involved," a statement read. Emergency services were scrambled to the Arboretum after a passer-by spotted a man in difficulty in the water.

Searches by the National Police Air service and other specialist resources began, before the search was called off for the night at around midnight.

Mr Mills' body was recovered the following day by divers.

The incident sealed off the historic core of Walsall Arboretum for more than 24 hours..Anyone with information which may aid the investigation by Walsall Police should call 101.

NEWS in brief

Call to help in village festival

THE organisers of a village's fundraising festival are calling for help to prepare for its 'biggest ever' event. The Essington Fun Fest is set to take place on July 12.

Organisers are calling for people to help with a variety of roles, including providing raffle prizes, selling raffle tickets, judging events, leaflet distribution, collecting donations, finding sponsorship, selling tickets and promotion.

Visit www.action4essington.org.uk for details.

Scottish question under discussion

THE case for Scotland remaining part of the United Kingdom was put to Walsall residents at an event.

Scottish Conservative parliamentary candidate Alberto Costa spoke at an event organised on behalf of Aldridge MP Sir Richard Shepherd and Walsall North parliamentary candidate Douglas Hansen-Luke.

Mr Costa focused on the 'economic importance' of Great Britain's shared assets and the disruption a 'divorce' would bring.

Ashley takes on entertaining role

A MAN who swapped his job as a sheet roofing apprentice to become an entertainer in Benidorm has stepped into a new role as an entertainment boss.

Ashley Price, who hails from Walsall and is a former Willenhall School student, made the move to Benidorm in 2008. His new position will see him take up the role of entertainment manager at the Medplaya Hotel Rio Park.

Martial arts school move is planned

A MARTIAL arts academy in Walsall is hoping to move into a new home.

Walsall Blackbelt Academy wants to take over a building in Frederick Street and use it as a gym.

The club in Stafford Street, has around 150 students of various ages.

The plans have been submitted to Walsall Council to be considered.

Society to meet

THE next Streetly Horticultural Society meeting is on Tuesday. 'A Collector's Dilemma' will be the subject of the event, from 7.45pm to 9.15pm at Streetly Community Centre.

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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS

BILL Nighy once remarked that very little stirred him to feelings of patriotism.

The professional luvvie, best known for his role in the saccharine-soaked romantic comedy Love Actually, said: "I'm always slightly suspicious of anyone carrying a flag, of any colour."

So how did anybody ever think it would be a good idea casting him in the role of Sgt Wilson for a remake of that most patriotic of sitcoms, Dad's Army?

Remakes of much-loved films and television shows are a minefield at the best of time. Think the 2006 version of The Pink Panther, with Steve Martin taking the role of Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau. What was all that about?

Or even worse, the 2009 'reboot' of Minder. Really, we should have known from the start that this would be a turkey. Anything that brands itself a 'reboot' is certain to be hateful.

But Dad's Army? There are really some things you should never touch.

This series was the epitome of Britishness, a tale of the stolid underdog who would fight to the death in the face of any adversity.

It was also a brilliant comedy of manners, pitting the chippy, working-class-lad-done-well Mainwaring against the foppish, lazy dilettante Sgt Wilson.

It is hard to see how a metropolitan intellectual like Nighy would fit in with this.

And besides, what is the point? Maybe there would be a case for the BBC trying to remake some of the early episodes which have been lost. But a glossy, cinematic remake? It's wrong, wrong, wrong.

I don't know who came up with the idea, but I suspect that if Sgt Wilson were around, he would have some gentle words of advice.

"Do you think that's wise, Sir?"

And no doubt Captain Mainwaring would be much more direct: "Stupid boy!"

Or, as Warden Hodges would say: Ruddy hooligans.

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TALKING of Bill Nighy, it seems that the police in Bristol seem to have taken another one of his films to heart.

After hearing reports of a stolen moped they sent five high-powered police cars and helicopter to pursue the rogue riders.

But on discovering that the fugitives weren't wearing crash helmets, the boys in blue decided to slow down the pursuit to a snail's pace to comply with health and safety guidance.

The chase lasted for two-and-a-half hours.

Lads, lads. Hot Fuzz was a comedy. Not a training video.

West Bromwich – a larger town without its own code

Wednesbury, Sandwell, but with a Walsall code

Part of Birmingham city centre, with the postcode B3

Past the post for 40 years of code

It's 40 years since the birth of postcodes, which today mean so much more than just where you live . . .

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The first postcodes were trialled in Norwich in 1959, and in 1966 a mammoth eight-year operation to roll them out across the country began.

Now, postcodes are in use all across the UK, covering more than 29 million addresses.

But far from simply indicating where people live, they can be used to reveal so much more. Intelligence, crime, marriage and even fertility rates among communities can all be deduced from a postcode, apparently.

The Royal Mail has commissioned a study to mark the 40th anniversary of the postcode.

It finds the top 10 postcodes in a host of categories. And it's good news for some areas of the West Midlands too.

The B3 area of Birmingham – covering parts of the city centre – is in the top 10 for the number of highly-qualified residents.

It is the only entry in that list from outside the capital, with around 66 per cent having a degree or professional qualification.

Meanwhile, Sandwell appears in the top 10 for the number of births per 1,000 women aged between 16 and 44. It is seventh in the list, with a rate of just under 80.

Yew Tree Estate – is it Walsall or Sandwell or both? Royal Mail give it a WS code

The combination of letters and numbers was chosen because people can remember a mixture more easily than a number code. But the origin of the postcode can be traced back far further than the 1970s when it came into force. In 1856 the growth of London's population led to the capital being divided into 10 postal districts, and people were asked to add the initials of the district to the end of an address. Four years later, other towns followed suit by using initials, and by the early 1930s major towns and cities, including Birmingham, did the same.

Postcodes are generally accepted and used across the country today, but it was not always the case.

Some residents objected simply to the idea of it coming in to use, while others were annoyed at being ranked with areas they did not consider themselves part of.

Helen Dafper, archivist at the British Postal Museum and Archive, said postcodes are now generally accepted as standard. She said: "We have looked at some research material for Dudley in the Black Country, which reveals the town started to get postcodes in the summer of 1971. People were given DY postcodes and then the town was broken down into 14 districts.

"The DY letters cover Dudley, Brierley Hill, Kidderminster, Stourbridge, Wordsley and Stourport-on-Severn. In some areas, people did not like them being introduced, but this does not appear to have been the case so much in the West Midlands.

"I think some people may have expected complaints from people in Kidderminster, who were given a DY post code despite being in Worcestershire, but there weren't really any letters of objection."

Lottery

West Bromwich is one of the largest towns in the country without its own postcode representing the town or borough, as it has B for Birmingham.

One Black Country resident who feels he is living a bit of a postcode lottery is historian Terry Price, who has a home on the Yew Tree estate with a WS postcode. He said: "The deeds on my house say it is in West Bromwich. The Yew Tree Estate was built by the West Bromwich Corporation, and I still pay my council tax to Sandwell Council. Yet when they introduced the postcodes, overnight our addresses changed to Walsall."

"It's the same with Friar Park. That is West Bromwich, it was built by the West Bromwich Corporation, but that now has a Wednesbury address and a Walsall postcode. Great Bridge is also in West Bromwich, but it has a Tipton address and a Dudley postcode. Postcodes bear no resemblance to geographical boundaries of a town."

There is one person who does have a special postcode all to themselves though – Father Christmas resides at SAN TA1.

POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT

IT seemed like the ultimate publicity stunt.

In the meetings to discuss the opening ceremony for the Commonwealth Games, blowing up five tower Glasgow tower blocks in front of a worldwide television audience must have seemed like a superb wheeze.

But now, with just weeks to go to the start, Commonwealth Games chiefs have been forced to perform an embarrassing U-turn and abandon the spectacular after 17,500 people signed a petition objecting to the plans. More to the point, several people living in the shadow of the flats said they would refuse to leave their homes to allow the explosions to take place.

Certainly, blowing up five of Scotland's tallest buildings would have made great television. And when similar such demolitions have been performed in the Black Country, there have been no shortage of people turning out to enjoy the spectacle.

However, while blowing up rundown, unpopular tower blocks might be popular in the short-term, there surely must be a debate to be had about whether it is a good long-term housing policy.

The high-rise flats of the 1950s and 60s were certainly not what one would call an architectural triumph. In the past, weak security, an unsuitable tenant mix, and poor maintenance has made many of them difficult to let. And once a block gets a bad name, it is very hard to shake off.

Also, it should be recognised that many of these blocks are now between 50 and 60 years old, and were often built hurriedly and cheaply to solve Britain's postwar housing crisis.

However, much of the criticism of the so-called 'bedroom tax' or 'spare-room subsidy',depending on which side of the fence you sit, has surrounded the shortage of one and two-bedroom homes for single people and childless couples. And whatever the merits or otherwise of this policy, the problem is not going to be solved by demolishing such properties without replacing them.

There are shining examples of where local council in the West Midlands have done a superb job of turning around tower blocks. Baylie Court in Stourbridge, and Clent Court in Dudley spring to mind, where the once-unpopular flats have successfully been turned into pleasant homes.

Of course, transforming the homes that people love to hate is going to prove a far tougher task than knocking them down and handing the site over to developers, and throwing in a commitment to 'affordable homes'.

But if tackling Britain's housing crisis by encouraging people to 'downsize' is the way forward, sticking dynamite under the dwindling number of small homes is a strange way of going about it.

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Not remotely interested in device

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I assume this device is to enable people to heat their homes up, if they have been away on a winter holiday, or at work on cold days. We already have a device for this, it is called a thermostat, a device that will not allow the temperature of your house to fall below that setting that you choose. As an ex-safety officer, my advice to anyone holidaying in winter, or away from home for any length of time during the winter months, is to switch off your gas, water and electric supply.

This new device is dangerous! What if you have a gas leak whilst you are away, and you remotely turn your gas central heating on, you will not have a home to come home to. Gas and electric are lethal commodities and should only be used in properties that are occupied and not empty.

Stay safe, and switch it off.

A PARKER, Willenhall

Be wary of agency work

I WANTED to warn readers that if they are considering taking work with an agency then they should be aware that they could be asked to pay an 'umbrella company' to pay them their wages and this can be a sum related to their income. This recently happened to me and I ended up paying £27 in one week on an income of £8 per hour to my employer just so that I could get paid.

In addition this umbrella company had me sign a contract to say that I would pay The Employer's Proportion of National Insurance contributions as well. So keen was I to get a job that I foolishly signed this document without reading the entire 10-plus pages thoroughly. I ended up earning just £6.31 per hour after the above deductions had been made and before paying my own tax and NI contributions.

D FOULGER
Walsall

Growing divide in fare costs

THERE is a growing chasm between decreasing wages and, increasing fares.

Headline employment figures revealed that 239,000 new jobs have been created, self-employed accounting for 146,000. They earned an average of £10.4k each on a steadily falling trend. These people are living on the breadline. Meanwhile, 19,000 were full time jobs, mostly on minimum wage or zero hour contracts.

Part time jobs amounted to 74,000 which is the new norm. Many people have more than one part time job to help make ends meet.

Introducing a flexible ticketing for them across public transport using smart ticket technology would be of huge assistance. The DfT must provide a clear timetable for the introduction of tickets for part time workers and when such a scheme must be unrolled in the West Midlands in our communities. We have the technology, let's make it work for our hard pressed part time workers.

CLLR DOUG JAMES, Walsall

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Glyn carrying on his heroic exploits

WHAT a fantastic story about Glyn Marston making the Wales national dodgeball team at the age of 51. 'A recycled teenager' sums Glyn up.

He has spent over two decades charity fundraising and inspiring our communities through sport, and not just any sport but extreme sport, such as long-distance running and ultra-distance running, as it is called.

Glyn Marston has taken on challenges such as running across the Grand Canyon, running in races of over 150 miles and running on treadmills to break world records.

He was asked, and proudly represented Great Britain in a race called the Spartathlon in Greece, in 2004. I, and many other Walsall/Willenhall folk, have followed Glyn's stories of inspiration in the Express and Star and are amazed at how – despite being on medication for epilepsy, despite having a false right knee and despite being an 'older man' in a young man's sport – he still continues to inspire.

In 1993, Glyn took his first steps into distance running and charity fundraising, that makes 2014 his 21st anniversary.

I speak on behalf of communities in Walsall and surrounding areas when I say we would love to read all about Glyn's achievements and ask the Express & Star to give us a 'Glyn Marston Happy 21st' feature.

D PETERS,
Short Heath, Will'hall

What about the Saddlers?

I'VE just finished reading your Monday supplement on Wolves' promotion celebrations. I realise Wolves have been in the doldrums of late but a club this size shouldn't be indulging in scenes like this on escaping from the game's third tier.

I'm surprised Kenny Jackett allowed such a promotion party given his studious and restrained nature. Indeed, in my opinion, Dean Smith's achievement of getting Walsall into the upper reaches of the league on a tiny budget is far more commendable.

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Disruption due on M6 with canal bridge bid

A 40MPH speed limit will be in force on a busy stretch of the M6 as 10 weeks of roadworks get under way.

Work is now being carried out to re-waterproof Walsall canal bridge, between junction 10 for Walsall and 9 for Wednesbury. Drivers have been warned to allow extra time for their journeys. Work will be carried out overnight from 10pm to 6am on Mondays to Saturdays.

by David Banner

Lane closures will be necessary during this time and the southbound carriageway will also be closed for 10 nights during the 10 week period, with details of dates yet to be announced.

But, while three lanes will be kept open during the day, narrow lanes and a 40 mph speed limit will be in place 24/7, highways bosses have said.

They say the current waterproofing on the bridge needs replacing.

Colin Jackson, project manager, said: "Replacing it now and carrying out any necessary concrete repairs to the bridge reduces the need for future maintenance and the associated disruption to road users.

"There may be times during construction when it will appear that no work is being carried out. This is because concrete needs time to cure and once poured we are unable to progress the scheme until that process is complete.

"It is also important to stress that the work is weather sensitive and, until the concrete is exposed, we do not know the exact number and size of repairs.

"If there are more than envisaged or the weather is unfavourable then the planned phases of the work and associated road closures could be affected."

Road closures will be announced in advance and diversions will be in place.

Traffic will be diverted off the M6 at junction 10 and along the A454, A4148 and A34 to rejoin the motorway at junction seven.

It's a fruity start for app-y entrepreneurs

Tony Povey and Neil Pettitt are launching a number of apps after starting their own games company

THEY are hoping to compete with the likes of Angry Birds and Candy Crush. Two entrepreneurs, Neil Pettitt and Tony Povey, from Walsall have launched the first of five free apps as part of a new range of puzzle adventure games.

The PlayMotive company was set up in 2013 to capitalise on the popularity of games which can be downloaded from Apple's App Store and played on a tablet or smartphone.

A private investor has backed the development of all five games, which have been based on puzzle games similar to the most downloaded free app of 2013, Candy Crush.

The first game from PlayMotive, Fruit Shake, took five months to develop and has now been launched worldwide.

Fruit Shake challenges players to work through more than 100 levels, and swap or spin to match different assortments of fruits – in all direction.

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Just love one another – the key to 60 years

Brian Guest with his wife Joyce who is being looked after at the Parklands Nursing Home in Bloxwich

"YOU'VE just got to love one another as best you can."

Those are the words of advice from a diamond couple who are celebrating 60 years of marriage.

Brian and Joyce Guest met at a dance at Walsall Town Hall and for the past six decades have still been in step together. Mr Guest, aged 80, said: "I liked her straight away when I saw her at that dance." After two years of courting, the pair tied the knot at Walsall Registry Office in April 1954.

But shortly after their wedding, Mr Guest was called up for two years of National Service and was posted to Oxford as an armourer in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. "We were lucky because I was in Oxford which meant I could get back and see her most weekends."

The pair have three children, Anthony, aged 57, a former inspector with West Midlands Police, Andrew, aged 54 and Ann-Marie, 50. The couple also has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr Guest worked as a general manager at fishing and angling company Richard Wheatley Ltd. He said: "The secret to a long and happy marriage is you have to tolerate one another and you just have to love one another as best you can." Mrs Guest now lives at Parklands Court Nursing home in Bloxwich and is visited every day by Mr Guest, of Princes Avenue, Walsall.

The newly-weds on honeymoon

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Cheque handed over to Tom's parents

A CHEQUE for more than £3,000 has been presented to the parents of a talented footballer who died suddenly from meningitis on his 13th birthday.

A fundraising football match in memory of Thomas Smith from Hednesford was held last month. Hundreds of supporters turned out for the game between Chasetown Scholars under-14s and Walsall FC under-14s.

A cheque for £3,255 was handed over to Thomas's parents Andy and Emma. The money will go to the charity Meningitis Now. Thomas's former football coach Tony Hardwick at Chasetown Scholars organised the match.

He said: "We were so pleased by how much money was raised. A lot of money has been raised for such a good cause. We'll be organising other fundraisers in the future."

Mr Hardwick said a fundraising football tournament in Thomas's memory is being held on June 14 at the playing fields off Cooksey Lane in Kingstanding.

Thomas, who had been suffering from a meningitis, died during a trip to Wales in May last year leaving his family and friends devastated. More than 650 people packed in through the gates to watch the under-14s' memorial clash at the Scholars Ground in Church Street, Chasetown in March. His parents were in the crowd and a minute's applause in his honour was held before kick-off.

Tom's parents Andrew Smith and Emma George with under 13s/14s Chasetown football staff Steve Earp and Tony Hardwick

At the end of the match, the couple was presented with a framed shirt which had been worn by the Kingsmead Technology College student when he played for the club. Chasetown FC is also to name a trophy after the 13-year-old, which will be presented annually with Thomas's parents choosing what the award will be in aid of.

Boy in lollipop tragedy

A 19-MONTH-OLD boy from Walsall died after a lollipop became stuck at the back of his throat and left him unable to breathe, an inquest heard.

Tyler Stanton's horrified family tried desperately to dislodge it but were unable to remove it, Smethwick Coroners Court heard.

And when they tried to do so, the stick on the end of the lollipop came off leaving the sweet in his throat.

Paramedics were immediately called to the boy's home in Springfields, Walsall, and the youngster was rushed to the town's Manor Hospital. Tyler died there on April 26 last year. The hearing was told the youngster, who was described as a 'lively' little boy by his mother Zoe Jones, said members of the family had been visiting at the time.

She said her son had first run into the bathroom to find his father Greg before running back out again and throwing himself on the sofa.

Miss Jones, who now lives in Millfield Avenue, Walsall, said: "That's when it happened. After running back he launched himself on to the settee. The next thing I knew someone shouted Tyler was choking. We tried to get the lollipop out but the stick came off and the lollipop went down his throat. We called for the ambulance." Miss Jones said members of the family had attempted CPR to try and remove the blockage. . A post mortem carried out on May 2 showed Tyler had otherwise been fit and healthy.

The remains of the lollipop were found still lodged in the back of his throat.Senior coroner for the Black Country Mr Robin Balmain said the medical cause of death had been given as airway obstruction due to a foreign body. He told Miss Jones the death of her son was a 'tragedy'. "This little boy has had an accident and that is what shall be reflected in my conclusion," he said.

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Susan ready to race after fighting cancer

Susan Clamp seen with the medals she previously attained for taking part in the Race for Life

A CANCER survivor is fighting back against the disease which claimed the life of her friend by entering Race for Life for the fifth time.

Grandmother Susan Clamp, aged 65, is taking part in the 5k event at Walsall Arboretum on May 18.

She is celebrating her own remission from fallopian tube cancer but is also mourning the loss of a friend and colleague who died of lung cancer just a few months ago.

Mrs Clamp, who works part-time as a receptionist at a GP practice in Leamore, had a tumour the size of a fist attached to her fallopian tube and pelvis.

She underwent an operation and a six-month program of chemotherapy. She said: "It was a tough time but my friends and family helped me through my dark moments," said Mrs Clamp, who has two grown-up children and four

Drivers hit out at rule to replace older cars

TAXI drivers say they are struggling to make ends meet due to rules stating they must replace their vehicles every 10 years.

They are asking to be allowed to keep their cars for 15 years to cut costs – and insist it will have no impact on safety. The issue has gone before a Walsall Council taxi committee but no decision was made.

Drivers though say it has been rumbling on for five years and needs to be resolved.

by Adam Burling

Walsall Private Hire Association chairman Zulfqar Ali said: "There would be financial benefits for the drivers as this is a difficult time for us.

"There would be no compromise in safety for the people of Walsall. The cars have to be checked twice a year to see if they are roadworthy and it isn't fair to stop us using a car when it is still in good condition. There are different standards for black cabs and it is very frustrating."

Licensing committee chairman Councillor Keith Sears said: "We have asked officers to draw up a report and it will come back before the next committee. The extension could be pursued but my own personal view is that if we are not careful we will have a fleet of private hire vehicles that are old and out of date. There could be a need for an extra test to be carried out on them, so they would be checked three times a year."

The association has put forward a series of proposals for the council to consider and Mr Ali says he hopes they will come to an agreement soon. It comes after a string of long-running disputes between taxi drivers and council bosses in Wolverhampton over licensing of older vehicles. Drivers were opposed to new council rules allowing older cars – saying there are already too many taxis in the city.

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Focus on Aldridge

Easter eggs for three hospitals

HUNDREDS of children at three hospitals got a treat thanks to a charity set up in memory of a 16-year-old girl stabbed in Birmingham city centre.

Police have helped boost a collection of Easter eggs by charity Rosie's Helping Hands, set up by Karen Ross after her daughter Rosie, of Aldridge, was killed in Centenary Square 13 years ago.

Eggs were originally only going to be donated by Birmingham's City Hospital – but after officers in Walsall got involved, Birmingham Children's and Walsall Manor Hospital patients have also benefitted.

Pc Gary Bampfield, from Walsall's St Matthew's neighbourhood team, said: "Karen is a truly remarkable individual who always puts others before herself.

"Officers and staff at Walsall police station have worked closely with Karen over the years and we were keen to play our part.

"A collection point was set up for donations from officers and staff and I mentioned this to local people during my patrol, the word soon spread and the eggs started rolling in. Well over 1,000 chocolate eggs have been donated, which clearly shows the kindness of Walsall people."

Donations flood in after blaze devastates family

NEIGHBOURS have rallied to help a family made homeless by a house blaze and who appealed for donations to replace clothing, furniture and bedding that were destroyed.

The blaze, believed to have been sparked by fairy lights, broke out in a child's bedroom at the semi-detached property in Ogley Crescent, Brownhills.

by Lisa O'Brien

Flames destroyed furniture, clothing, toys and games, left a hole in both the roof of the house and bedroom floor and smoke-logged the property, when it struck on the afternoonof April 18.

A couple and their 10 children, aged between two and 17, who live at the rented property, managed to get outside by the time fire crews arrived but have been told they will not be able to return for up to four months while repairs are carried out.

The family are currently staying with relatives while they wait to be rehomed in temporary accommodation.

Kind-hearted neighbours who have appealed for donations on social networking sites to help the family say they have already received clothing, kitchen equipment and bedding.

More than £180 was also raised in a street collection.

Caroline Watkinson, who lives near the family, has been helping to collect donations.

The 49-year-old said: "It has been devastating for them, I'm glad everyone got out. They are a lovely family and have lived there about nine years. We are one big family here and we are trying to help. They don't have anything."

Crews from Aldridge, Bloxwich and Walsall were called to the scene on Friday and took around 15 minutes to put out the blaze.

The mother of the house, who did not want to be named, said her family had been downstairs in their home when the blaze broke out. She said: "The smoke alarm never went off. The first we knew was someone banging on the door.

"We got out with just the clothes on our backs. We've lost everything."To offer donations, please contact Mrs Watkinson at mrswok@fs-mail.net

Caroline Watkinson, who has helped, with neighbours, to donate items following the devastating house fire

Performers set to rain supreme

ONE of the most iconic of Hollywood musicals will be performed by the Aldridge Musical Comedy Society next week, when they show audiences in Cannock their take on Singin' In The Rain.

The popular and highly-respected society is putting on the show at the Prince of Wales Centre in the Staffordshire town, from May 8 to 10, from 7.30pm each night as well as a final day matinee at 2.30pm.

It is based on the classic MGM musical of the same name which starred Gene Kelly and features all the numbers from the original score including Good Morning, Make 'em Laugh, You Stepped Out of a Dream and of course, the classic title track.

Tickets are £12, £10 concessions or £6 for under-16s, from the Church Street theatre's box office on 01543 578762 or at www.aldridgemcs.co.uk

Jog on with team offer

KEEN joggers are being urged to sign up to become a volunteer team leader. Jog Walsall is looking for more people to lead sessions or start new ones.

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It's hard to imagine that his retired assembly worker could ever be knocked back. But failing teeth "became an embarrassment," she recalls. Recently she was fitted with implant-retained dentures, inspired by a newspaper article on Steven Burchell's work at the Denture Clinic.

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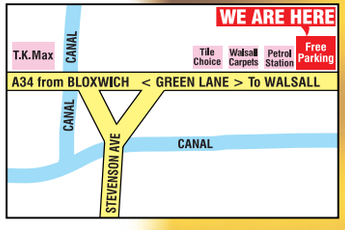

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Projectionist Victoria Phillips with a digital projector

Current owner Graeme Cotton, left, with former owner Fred Pritchard

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Birthday banners and balloons up at the Electric Palace

Reel celebration for cinema's 100th year

A LETTER penned by a former projectionist has emerged – as Cannock's cinema marks its 100th birthday.

MEMORY LANE

By Marion Brennan

In the three-page script, Harold Shepherd who started work at The Electric Palace, then called The Picture House, in early 1915, recalled the days of silent films when audiences would be able to hear the sound of cattle being driven to market in the street outside.

Mr Shepherd, who was 76 at the time, wrote a thank you note to staff in 1977 after a visit from Cornwall, where he had retired, to see a relative.

While in the area, he popped into The Picture House to see if it had changed and was shown round by the man who was doing his old job, Chris Ingram. Chris has kept the yellowing type-written letter.

Mr Ingram, 64, a projectionist at the Walsall Road cinema from the mid-1970s to the early 80s, remembers Harold's visit. He said: "He couldn't believe the changes that had taken place and the advances that had been made.

"It's an amazing record to have of someone who remembered the place when it first opened."

The Electric Palace was the first purpose-built cinema in Cannock. The original 650-seater cinema opened on April 6, 1914 and was extended twice in six years to accommodate 1,500 avid film-goers.

The arrival of television in the 1950s and more recently the growth of multi-screen cinemas and digital technology has seen many of the old cinemas shut.

But while the name has changed under various owners – it has also been known as the Essoldo, the Classic and the Cannon – the former Picture House has stood its ground.

Mr Ingram was eight years old when he was first taken there by his older brother Terry.

"The film was The Vikings starring Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis. It was 1958 and what I remember most was how cosy it was.

"I used to run home from school and try and get to the Picture House before 5pm. If you were a minute after the price went up from a shilling to a shilling and ninepence. If I got there in time I could spend the extra ninepence on sweets.

"There used to be a real buzz about going to the pictures back then. For me the cinema has lost its ambience."

After a five-year closure, the venue reopened in November 2009.

Current owner Graeme Cotton said: "The fact that it is still here, still showing films100 years after opening its doors is worth celebrating."

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Councillor hopes to wind back the years on mill

A RUINED windmill dating back to the 17th century could be restored, says a councillor.

Councillor David Clifft is hoping to raise £100,000 to renovate the old flour mill in Bognop Road to its former glory.

The mill was originally built in 1681, but fell into a state of disrepair during the Second World War. The main wooden superstructure was destroyed by arsonists in 1959, and today, only the brick base and the remnants of its internal workings have survived.

Councillor Clifft is now hoping to form a group to rebuild the mill, recreating the sails and wooden superstructure. He said he would be looking into the possibility of securing lottery funding for the scheme.

The mill is on Windmill Farm, and Councillor Clifft said he was hoping to speak to members of the Simkin family, which owns the land, about his proposals. "The mill is an important part of Essington's history," he said. "It was a landmark for quite distance, you could see it from Bushbury. Windmills, by definition have to be fairly high up."

Councillor Clifft said it would be quite a big project, and would require locating a number of skilled craftsmen.

"We are only really looking at restoring the shell and putting the sales back on, although it may be necessary to get it working again, because the sails will need to rotate," he said.

"I understand that if they are fixed they are liable to be damaged by the wind. I don't know what wood it was made of, I imagine it would have been oak, so it would also be a matter of finding the right craftsmen locally."

A photograph of the building before it was destroyed by arsonists

All that is left standing of the windmill dating back to the 17th century

The windmill was originally built by Henry Vernon, and was rebuilt with a brick roundhouse in the late 18th century. It was in operation until the 1880s. Adrian Simkin of Windmill Farm said he was not aware of Councillor Clifft's idea, and could not comment until he had the full information. There has been a renewed interest in windmills in recent decades.

The 18th century Broad Eye windmill in Stafford was granted listed building status in 1951, and 15 years later the Friends of Broad Eye Windmill was formed with the intention of returning it to its former glory.

The seven-storey building is now an important visitor attraction in the town, with the renovated ground floor open to the public on special open days. The Ruiton Windmill in the Upper Gornal area of Dudley is now used as a community centre, and reopened following a £40,000 revamp in 2009. The mill, which is tucked behind a row of houses, is home to numerous scout groups, Dudley Caving Club and other community groups.

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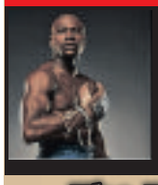

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Pub's heroes boost

Landlady Moreen Kavanagh and Brian Kavanagh at the front

MORE than 300 people attended a fun day and helped raise hundreds of pounds for Help for Heroes.

The all-day celebration at The Crown,Willenhall had musicians, singers, comedians and family activities. A group of soldiers who were on leave from the army also attended the event, and they chatted with the public.

The soldiers, who were all from the Black Country, had recently returned from Afghanistan, where they served with The 3rd Battalion The Mercian Regiment. Landlady at The Crown Maureen Kavanagh said: "It was a fantastic day and we had a great turn out. "

Mrs Kavanagh added: "It all started because one of our regulars came in with a collection box for Help for Heroes last November. Since then we have done a lot to raise money for them, and have became official collectors."

Pupils go on trail of motorists

A SECOND scheme training up pint-sized police community support officers to walk the beat in Walsall and tackle parking issues around a school has been launched.

By Lisa O'Brien

Park Hall Junior Academy pupils will be able to issue warning notices to drivers, following complaints of inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving.

It comes after a similar scheme ran successfully at Short Heath Junior School, which was the first to launch in the borough last year. Warning notices could lead to a £30 fine. Dressed in fluorescent jackets and black peak caps, 20 youngsters from the school in Park Hall Road will carry out morning and afternoon patrols with local officers.

Pc James Ellingworth, from the Palfrey and Paddock neighbourhood team, said: "This is an ongoing problem for schools across the country let alone Walsall. A number of parents chose to ignore the road markings and park – if even just for a minute – in areas designed to be kept clear so that kids crossing the road can see oncoming danger."

The new recruits all had to apply for the role and undertook six hours of training in which they learned to identify road safety signs and traffic offences. All have a book of warning notices which resemble real parking tickets. If a driver is handed two warnings by youngsters a real £30 fine is issued.

Pc Sarah Glover, said: "This scheme allows those directly affected by the parking issues outside their school to play an active role in combating it."

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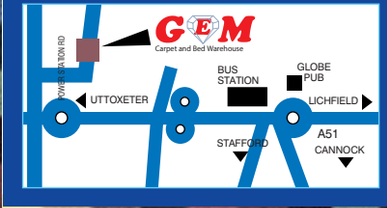

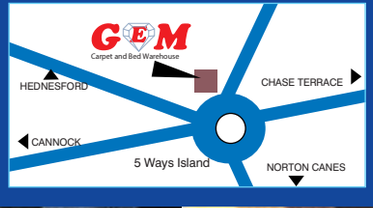

CHOICE

Rob Brydon

The Guess List (BBC1, 9.20pm)
Lined up in Rob Brydon's comedy crosshairs this week are I'm A Celebrity... winner and tunesmith Kian Egan; Kate Silverton; David Walliams, Tess Daly and the man he's spent years impersonating, Ronnie Corbett. His golfing buddy proves to be as amiable as ever, especially as he delivers one of the best gags of the night regarding their recent match on the fairway, "Played nine holes," says Ronnie. "Fell down four." The big question is: will contestants James and Jan manage to fill in the (blankety) blanks when asked questions such as: 'According to a recent survey, what most annoys the British public?' Let's hope so.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10 Film:** Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa. (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ben Stiller.

6.30 BBC News; Regional News.

6.50 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong invites contestants related to the world of crime – either real or fictional – to take part in the game show. They are Lisa Maxwell and Mark Wingett, who starred in The Bill, one-time Crimewatch presenter Sue Cook and investigative journalist Donal MacIntyre, Bad Girls actors Helen Fraser and Jack Ellis, and detective-fiction writers Laura Wilson and Mark Billingham. Who'll be best when it comes to being worst? Richard Osman is the one with the answers.

7.40 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side.

8.30 Casualty. An adult reading lesson ends in disaster when a woman grows jealous of her tutor's girlfriend and inadvertently causes her to end up in hospital suffering from an asthma attack. But that proves to be just the start of the trio's problems. An elderly woman and her two grandchildren make plans to have the best day ever, but things start to go downhill when the granny feels pains in her chest and one of the kids tumbles off a climbing frame. Dixie faces her disciplinary meeting, having moved a patient without permission, Connie raises concerns about Zoe's methods and Fletch's moonlighting as a taxi driver catches up with him.

9.20 The Guess List. David Walliams, Ronnie Corbett, Kian Egan, Tess Daly and Kate Silverton help contestants answer all sorts of everyday questions.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show.

1.05 Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: Angel Face. (1952) **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The third and penultimate session of the second semi-final. **12.00** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.45** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.30** Richard Attenborough: Talking Pictures. **2.10 Film:** Young Winston. (1972) Biopic of Winston Churchill, starring Simon Ward. **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening semi-final is set to reach a conclusion. **5.30** Natural World: Nature's Misfits. (R)

6.30 Flog It! Presenter Paul Martin is joined by experts Charlie Ross and Mark Stacey to value items in the town of Monmouth, south-east Wales, including a selection of Babar books, a tortoise-shaped box and a pocket globe. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the fourth and final session of the second semi-final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first player to reach 17 frames will progress to the final. Ronnie O'Sullivan and Barry Hawkins were successful at this stage last year, with the Rocket becoming the first defending champion since Ken Doherty in 1998 to reach the final. The commentary team includes Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne and Stephen Hendry. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

9.30 Generation War: Our Mothers, Our Fathers. Greta has been sent to the Soviet Union by her SS lover Dorn to entertain the troops on the eastern front, meeting Wilhelm, Friedhelm and Charlotte two years after their last encounter. Meanwhile, Viktor is on a train being transported to a concentration camp, but manages to escape with a Polish woman and flees into the forests. Second World War drama, starring Tom Schilling, Volker Bruch and Katharina Schuettler. In German.

11.00 Film: What Just Happened? (2007) A Hollywood producer tries to keep the peace on a movie set, while also struggling with his own family's problems. Comedy drama, starring Robert De Niro and Catherine Keener.

12.35 Film: Surviving Summer. (2009) **2.00** This Is BBC Two. **5.50 Film:** The Saint in New York. (1938)

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6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.30** The Unforgettable Norman Wisdom. (R) **1.00** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.45** A Touch of Frost. (R) **3.45 Film:** Peter Pan. (2003) **5.50** Regional Programme ; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Let Me Entertain You. Michael Underwood presents clips of secret performers showing off at work, visitors Sing for Their Supper at Madame Tussauds and viewers offer their own renditions of Poker Face.

6.45 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill puts his own spin on a selection of clips filmed by viewers, featuring spawning rituals in Essex and the painful reason why One Direction no longer buy pitta bread.

7.15 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the fourth audition show, as Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon give their verdicts on more of the nation's best – and worst – performers.

8.30 Amazing Greys. Young contestants take on old pros, including cyclist Derek Stewart, Olympic gold medallist Mary Peters and veteran DJ David Hamilton. Paddy McGuinness and Angela Rippon host.

9.35 Prey. A detective is wrongly accused of the murders of his wife and son and goes on the run in an attempt to clear his name. Thriller, starring John Simm. (R)

10.30 The Americans. Philip and Elizabeth face painful developments in their missions, while Stan tries to gain access to an American military programme that could give him the upper hand against Oleg.

11.30 ITV News; Weather.

11.45 Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon visits three mystery homes and challenges this week's panel – Simon Gregson, Mollie King and Dave Berry – to guess the identities of the occupants. Last in the series. (R)

12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** Dinner Date: Australia. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** How I Met Your Mother. **11.20** How I Met Your Mother. **11.45** The Simpsons. (R) **12.15** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Including the 2,000 Guineas at 3.50. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Rebecca Ryan hosts the final dinner party in York, throwing a Hollywood-themed evening of glitz and glamour before the winner is announced. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.05 For the Love of Cars. Life on Mars star Philip Glenister and renowned car designer Ant Anstead scour barns and lock-ups across the nation on a mission to restore six classic British motors. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows a project to renovate and extend a classic 1920s cinema in Thorne, South Yorkshire. With little knowledge of restoration, Gwyn and Kate boldly set about turning the dilapidated building into a family home using masses of concrete after taking advice from an architect friend. The couple are hoping to create a hydraulic glass wall that opens up one side of the house to form a UV-filtered canopy, and there are also plans for a white roof extension that resembles a diving board. (R)

9.00 Film: Green Zone. (2010) A military officer is sent to Iraq after the downfall of Saddam Hussein on a mission to find the weapons of mass destruction that were used to justify the invasion – only to be warned by a CIA agent that no such devices exist. As he continues his fruitless search, he discovers evidence of a political conspiracy. Paul Greengrass' thriller, starring Matt Damon.

11.10 Film: Escape from Alcatraz. (1979) A convict tries to break out of the notorious high-security island prison, a feat previously thought impossible. Fact-based drama, starring Clint Eastwood.

1.15 Tim Minchin and the Heritage Orchestra. (R) **2.45** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.50** The Hoobs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.05** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **10.30** Beware! Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.30** World's Busiest Border Crossing. (R) **12.30 Film:** Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes. (1984) Drama, starring Christopher Lambert. **3.05 Film:** Sands of the Kalahari. (1965) Survival drama, starring Stanley Baker. **5.05 Film:** The Vikings. (1958) Historical adventure, starring Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis.

7.10 5 News Weekend.

7.15 Longmire. A convicted murderer released early from jail is found mauled to death by a bear in the woods and Walt has to open a murder investigation when the man is discovered to have been sedated and baited with steak. Meanwhile, Branch has to deal with his gun-toting uncle causing trouble at his retirement home. Guest starring Peter Weller (RoboCop, 24), who also directed the episode.

8.00 NCIS. The bodies of two dishonourably discharged officers are found on board a boat belonging to Gibbs, and inquiries cast suspicion on his mentor, retired agent Mike Franks. The case proves to have wider implications – and the team finds itself battling to prevent an international confrontation. Starring Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Cote de Pablo, Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette. (R)

9.00 NCIS. The team delves into Vance's troubled past in a desperate effort to trap a vengeful female assassin named Lee Wuan Kai. Although she is determined to strike back at him by targeting his family, it gradually transpires that there is another deeper motive for her crimes. Crime drama, guest starring Kelly Hu, with Mark Harmon, Rocky Carroll and Pauley Perrette. (R)

10.00 Film: The Bone Collector. (1999) A quadriplegic ex-cop helps a rookie officer hunt for a serial killer who takes gruesome trophies from his victims' bodies. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie.

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** World's Busiest Border Crossing. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who **8.40** Top Gear **9.40** Live at the Apollo **10.25** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **12.50** American Dad! **1.35** Orphan Black **2.20** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.50** Russell Howard's Good News **3.20** Impractical Jokers **3.50** Great TV Mistakes **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Britain's Natural World **8.00** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **9.00 Film:** Blackfish (2013) **10.20** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World **11.20** Neil Sedaka: King of Song **12.20** Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the Music **1.05** Top of the Pops: 1979 **1.40** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **2.45** Britain's Natural World **3.45** Close

ITV2
11.05 Tom Daley Goes Global **12.05** Britain's Got Talent **1.25** Britain's Got More Talent **2.30** Pixie Lott: The Hot Desk **2.40 Film:** The Perfect Man (2005) **4.40** You've Been Framed! Kids Special **5.45 Film:** Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) **8.30** Britain's Got More Talent **9.35** You've Been Framed! **10.05** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Crazy Beaches **11.20** Britain's Got Talent **12.35** Britain's Got More Talent **1.40** Viral Tap **2.15** Dads **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.05 The Darling Buds of May **1.20 Film:** The Baby and the Battleship (1956) **3.10** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.15** Foyle's War **7.30** Rosemary & Thyme **8.35** Doc Martin **9.35** Martin Clunes & a Lion Called Mugie **10.40 Film:** The Life of David Gale (2003) **1.15** Murder, She Wrote **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Mumbai Indians v Kings XI Punjab and Delhi Daredevils v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** Ali: Still the Greatest **10.00 Film:** Air America (1990) **12.15 Film:** Payback (1999) **2.20** Benidorm **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.00 The Mindy Project **11.30** Rules of Engagement **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00 Film:** Predators (2010) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Rude Tube: Rude Zoo **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.15** 2 Broke Girls **3.05** Youngers **3.55** Made in Chelsea **4.50** Ugly Betty

Film4
11.00 Treasure Island (1972) **1.00** The Perfect Catch (2005) **3.05** The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) **4.50** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008) **6.40** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** Hot Tub Time Machine (2010) **10.55** District 9 (2009) **1.00** Black Snake Moan (2006) **3.25** Close

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Philip Glenister

For the Love of Cars (Channel 4, 8pm)
All too often, when actors ditch fiction in favour of factual roles, it can end up feeling somewhat awkward – especially if the thesp in question has little knowledge of or enthusiasm for their chosen subject. However, Philip Glenister seems the natural choice to co-present this tempting documentary, alongside renowned car designer Ant Anstead. The six-part series follows the pair as they scour barns and lock-ups across the nation on a mission to restore six classic British motors to their former glory, beginning as Ant tracks down a Triumph Stag in a scrapyard, and sets about giving it a new lease of life.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Flog It! (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Monkey Planet. (R) **4.45** Points of View. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison explores hills and mountains, including one that is up for sale, and presents archive items on a similar theme, including the challenges of farming on a slope. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts pay a second visit to the Royal Marines Museum in Southsea, near Portsmouth, where members of the public bring along their treasured antiques and collectibles. Items include a Jolly Roger flag flown by the crew of a British submarine during the Second World War, a wine glass that's at the centre of a domestic dispute and a creepy-looking doll.

9.00 The Crimson Field. Grace is threatened by Major Ballard, the aggressively rude and war-scarred commander of a Sikh regiment who would rather be with his men than at rest on the wards. She eventually manages to calm him with her knowledge of India but as she tries to discover what has made him so angry, the arrival of another young soldier sets him off again. Can she get to the bottom of her patient's temper? As Joan waits for news from her fiance, Jaco calls her to an illicit meeting, sparking a series of events which draw her into danger, and Flora decides the volunteers should put on some entertainment to raise spirits – but as the pressure mounts, so do her nerves.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News.

10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Jack Dee presents this extended edition of Friday's show, in which Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by comedienne Bridget Christie.

11.10 Knife Crime ER: Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa. Reggie spends a week in one of Cape Town's most impoverished regions.

12.05 Weatherview. **12.10** BBC News.

BBC2

5.50 The Saint in New York. **6.55 Film:** None But the Lonely Heart. (1944) Drama, starring Cary Grant. **8.45** Countryfile. (R) (R) **9.45** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.30** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.15** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first eight frames of the match are scheduled to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

6.00 Australia with Simon Reeve. The adventurer begins a journey across the country, discovering how the camel is threatening the fragile desert ecosystem in the heart of Australia. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine presents all the action from the second session of the final at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where a further nine frames are scheduled to take place. The second session of last year's final took on a similar pattern to the first, with Ronnie O'Sullivan winning five frames to move into a 10-7 lead heading into the final day against Barry Hawkins. The commentary team features five former world champions in Dennis Taylor, Steve Davis, John Parrott, Ken Doherty and Stephen Hendry.

11.00 QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz.

11.45 Film: In Our Name. (2010) Premiere. A British soldier is haunted by her experiences in Iraq, and becomes increasingly paranoid about her daughter's safety. Drama, starring Joanne Froggatt and Mel Raido.

1.15 Film: The Big White. (2005) A cash-strapped travel agent plans to get rich by passing off a corpse as his missing brother and claiming the life insurance. Black comedy, with Robin Williams and Holly Hunter. **2.50** Sign Zone: Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison celebrate icons of the Yorkshire Dales, visiting Bolton Abbey, meeting a Harrogate cycling club and searching for Whitby jet. (R) **3.50** Holby City. Raf and Amy come under further strain when their IVF dreams suffer another setback. Jac struggles to cope with her manipulative mother and Zosia treats a man she recently dated. (R) **4.50** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Big Time Rush. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25 Film:** Columbo Cries Wolf. (1990) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **1.35** You've Been Framed! (R) **2.05** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **3.20** Let Me Entertain You. (R) **3.50 Film:** Licence to Kill. (1989) Spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton.

6.20 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

7.30 Off Their Rockers. Seb takes a shower in an unexpected place, Rosie and Marry try out an unusual selling technique and Sonia gets in trouble with the law again. Hidden-camera comedy.

8.00 Vera. The detective is called in when David Kenworthy, the son of a prominent local family, is found murdered on the beach at Whitley Bay. A witness spotted arcade owner Larry Crowe arguing with David on the night of the killing, and a search of the suspect's property uncovers a bloodied baseball bat. However, Larry has a cast-iron alibi and it's clear he wasn't the only person the victim met that night. A second death then leaves Vera facing mounting pressure to crack the case, and struggling to answer the question of why David was drawn to the seafront on the evening of his father's retirement.

10.00 Perspectives – The Man in the Hat: Rene Magritte with Will Young. A fan of Rene Magritte since the age of 15, singer and actor Will Young travels to the surrealist artist's native Belgium to explore his life, work and legacy.

11.00 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, featuring Bath v Northampton Saints, Exeter Chiefs v Harlequins and Sale Sharks v Leicester Tigers.

12.15 The Store. **2.45** Motorsport UK. **3.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 British GT. **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. **7.05** How I Met Your Mother. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Including the 1,000 Guineas at 3.50. **4.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **4.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **5.05** The Simpsons. (R) **5.35** Deal or No Deal.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Stephen Fry. Bear Grylls takes the actor, writer and QI host on an expedition to one of the most spectacular mountain ranges in Europe. Over the course of two days high in the Italian Dolomites, the survival expert pushes Fry to his limits with a series of challenges – travelling on the skids of a helicopter, descending a terrifying 500ft waterfall, sleeping in a First World War trench and abseiling down a towering cliff face. (R)

8.00 For the Love of Cars. Ant Anstead tracks down a Triumph Stag in a scrapyard and sets about restoring it to its former glory, while Philip Glenister meets members of the Stag owners' club in an attempt to understand whether the vehicle's reputation for unreliability is fair. From a European road trip with comedian and motoring journalist Alexei Sayle, to pitting the classic car against the Jaguar E-Type in a battle of the best-sounding engines, Philip and Ant come to a surprising conclusion about the Stag.

9.00 Fargo. Malvo does the unexpected in the blackmail operation, Molly sets a trap, Gus debates whether he should come clean and Lester's return to work has complicated repercussions.

10.00 Film: Underworld: Awakening. (2012) Premiere. Vampire Selene awakes from cryonic suspension to battle mutant werewolves and a human plot to annihilate the undead. Action fantasy, with Kate Beckinsale and India Eisley.

11.45 Film: Babel. (2006) An American couple's holiday in Morocco sparks an international crisis when one of them is accidentally shot. Drama, starring Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett and Gael Garcia Bernal.

2.15 Southland. **3.05** The Hotel. (R) **4.00** SuperScrimpers' Challenge. (R) **4.55** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Access. (R) **11.15** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.45** Secret History of UFOs. (R) **12.40** Aliens: Are We Alone? (R) **1.45 Film:** Thunderbirds. (2004) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bill Paxton. **3.25 Film:** Open Season. (2006) Animated comedy, with the voice of Martin Lawrence. **5.00 Film:** Mulan. (1998) Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Ming-Na and Eddie Murphy.

6.40 5 News Weekend.

6.45 Film: Stargate. (1994) An Egyptologist and a soldier head an expedition through a mysterious portal to an alien planet. The world they find resembles ancient Egypt and is under the rule of a tyrant who has convinced the downtrodden inhabitants that he is a god – until the humans incite the enslaved populace to fight back. Sci-fi adventure, starring Kurt Russell, James Spader and Jaye Davidson.

9.00 Film: War of the Worlds. (2005) A divorced father tries to protect his two children as alien war machines start to wipe out the human race. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning.

11.10 Film: Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story. (2004) The struggling owner of a run-down gym tries to save his business by forming a team for the US dodgeball championships. Sporting comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn.

1.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Booze, Bust-Ups & Brothels: Soho Blues. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Top Gear **7.50 Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **10.00** In the Flesh **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** Ja'mie: Private School Girl **12.45** In the Flesh **1.40** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.10** Impractical Jokers **2.40** Bamboo **3.00** In the Flesh **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 The Rabbits of Skomer **7.10 Film:** In Which We Serve (1942) **9.00** Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World **10.30** The Wonder of Bees with Martha Kearney **11.00** Frank Sinatra: The Voice of the Century – Arena Special **12.35** Sings the Great American Songbook **1.35** Top of the Pops: The Story of 1978 **2.25** Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World **3.55** Close

ITV2

12.05 You've Been Framed! **12.35 Film:** Beethoven (1991) **2.20** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **3.20** You've Been Framed! **4.20** Britain's Got Talent **5.45** Britain's Got More Talent **6.45** You've Been Framed! **7.15 Film:** Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002) **10.00** Viral Tap **10.50 Film:** White Chicks (2004) **1.05** Viral Tap **1.45** Mom **2.10** The Vampire Diaries **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.20 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes **12.25** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.35** Rosemary & Thyme **3.40** Goodbye Mr Chips **5.40** Inspector Morse **8.00** The Zoo **9.00** Birds of a Feather **9.30** Vicious **10.00 Film:** Intolerable Cruelty (2003) **12.10** Cracker **1.15** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.50** Judge Judy **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. Round three from Thruxton. **6.30** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.30** Storage Wars **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Indian Premier League Cricket **10.00 Film:** Senna (2010) **12.15** River Monsters **1.20** Warren United **1.50** Benidorm **2.20** Highway Patrol **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.35 Made in Chelsea **1.35** Revenge **2.35** The Big Bang Theory **3.30** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** The Tomorrow People **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Bride Wars (2009) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** Rude Tube: Rude Zoo **12.10** How I Met Your Mother **1.05** Rules of Engagement **2.00** 2 Broke Girls **2.25** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.20** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Titanic (1953) **1.00** 10 Things I Hate About You (1999) **2.55** Big Fish (2003) **5.20** From Up on Poppy Hill (2011) **7.10** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) **11.25** House of Flying Daggers (2004) **1.45** Far North (2007) **3.40** Close

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Film Choices

MONDAY
National Treasure, BBC1, 3.45pm
An intrepid treasure-hunter follows a series of ingenious clues in a perilous quest to track down a war chest hidden by America's founding fathers generations before. He has to contend with determined rivals in the shape of a treacherous associate and the FBI. Action adventure, starring Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Sean Bean and Justin Bartha. (2004)

TUESDAY
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, ITV, 7.30pm
The adolescent wizard is unexpectedly chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a prestigious magical tournament, despite being legally too young to enter. He joins champions of three magical academies to face deadly monsters in a series of challenges. Meanwhile, the followers of the dreaded Lord Voldemort plot to restore their master to the land of the living. Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Robbie Coltrane, Ralph Fiennes, Michael Gambon, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Brendan Gleeson and Robert Pattinson. (2005)

National Treasure, Monday, BBC1, 3.45pm

WEDNESDAY
The Boat That Rocked, ITV, 10.35pm
A host of eclectic DJs entertain 1960s Britain through a pirate radio station, broadcasting from a vessel in the North Sea. However, a high-ranking government official is determined to bring an end to the rogue outfit and the individuals responsible for its continued existence. Richard Curtis's comedy, starring Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Kenneth Branagh and Nick Frost. (2009)

THURSDAY
Her Husband's Betrayal, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman is suspicious of her husband's strange behaviour and starts spying on him. She thinks she has caught him having an affair, only to find the truth is far worse – he has committed a murder and framed her for it, and threatens to kill her son if she does not confess to the crime. Thriller, starring Jacqueline MacInnes Wood and Shawn Roberts. (2013)

FRIDAY
GoldenEye, ITV, 10.35pm
James Bond heads for Russia to investigate the connection between the theft of an experimental helicopter and an orbital satellite weapon with the power to devastate entire cities. He discovers both have fallen into the hands of a mysterious criminal mastermind with a grudge against Britain and a connection with 007's past. Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean, Izabella Scorupco and Famke Janssen. (1995)

Pick of the Week

James lives the dream as duo hit the road

There's a theory that at some point in recent years James Corden and Gary Barlow signed a deal which ensured they would dominate British TV screens for a chunk of the Noughties, and beyond.

Given the former's work on Gavin & Stacey, not to mention his success on stage, there's perhaps little wonder. As for Gary, well he's more ubiquitous than Deirdre Barlow these days, with assorted excellent shows, whether raising money for Comic Relief, visiting the troops in Afghanistan or welcoming in the New Year in a dazzling BBC1 extravaganza.

We didn't really need another show paying tribute to the multi-award winning singer/songwriter, although with an online campaign attempting to get one of his old singles to number one, there is an added degree of topicality. So settle back 'GBArmy' and Cordenites and enjoy their version of The Trip.

No impressions of Ronnie Corbett alas, but we do follow Gary's long career, from how it began; the Take That phenomenon; the wilderness years, and the darker times which inspired his lyrics.

After a lengthy intro, in which James loads up Gary's Range Rover with random items of baggage, they talk about stag dos and the fact that Barlow has chosen now to make a documentary like this to "close the door on a pretty rubbish time". Of course given the fact he's just performed at a sold out arena tour around the UK, it's easy to forget that a decade ago there seemed like little chance of that being possible.

In 2004, Take That were history, Barlow's debut album wasn't the success many had hoped for, and it looked like his days under the spotlight had come and gone.

However, in recent years he's staged a Lazarus-like comeback, scoring a string of chart smashes as the reformed Take That rekindled the interest of their fans, and won over a new generation of followers. Their hugely successful gigs, either as a four piece or with original group member Robbie Williams, wowed the masses, while Barlow's aforementioned solo shows left his thousands of fans hoarse with delight.

In this show, he and James visit key places in Gary's career, including the Working Men's Club where Barlow learned his craft with 600 or so performances. "I've always felt older, and I've always felt, whether I was in the band or whatever situation I was in, I was the responsible one," Gary tells James. First stop is the studio where Barlow and his band rehearse for the gigs while a starstruck Corden looks on.

Then there's a trip down memory lane as we are treated to clips and photos from Gary's formative years; his impressive rendition of The Way You Make Me Feel, complete with stage kick is priceless. Later, they visit the nightclub where Take That first auditioned, and there are laughs as Gary surprises one of his own fans on their wedding day. Among the contributors are Elton John, Robbie, Gary's mother and members of the Press and music industry.

When Corden Met Barlow, Monday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Draw It!
Channel 4, 4.30pm
Remember the 1990s series Win, Lose or Draw, in which two teams comprising of celebrities and ordinary mortals competed in a game that involved one person drawing an object or phrase, and the others guessing what they're attempting to depict? Well, it's back – sort of. Draw It! is certainly along very similar lines, a kind of TV version of Pictionary in which two teams – one headed by Nadia Sawalha, the other by Anton du Beke and both featuring a member of the public – tackle timed drawing challenges. After three rounds, the team with the least points leaves, and the one remaining takes part in a final game that could see them win a bundle, or walk away with nothing. Mel Giedroyc hosts.

The Island with Bear Grylls
Channel 4, 9pm
We may moan about how stressful and demanding it is, but is modern life actually dulling our survival instincts? This new series find out if British men still know how to rough it, as adventurer Bear Grylls takes a group of 13 blokes and essentially abandons them on a remote, uninhabited Pacific island with just the clothes on their backs and a few basic tools. Will they resort to rise to challenge, or will they resort to Lord of the Flies-style savagery, interspersed with bouts of sobbing? Just making it through the first episode is going to be tough, as Bear drops the group of at their new home, where they are forced to battle through dense overgrowth in search of shelter.

TUESDAY
Miller's Mountain
BBC1, 10.40pm
The Beeb has dusted down the Comedy Playhouse format in the hope of finding a gem of an idea worth turning a full series. Last week we were treated to the promising Over to Bill, while this time it's Miller's Mountain, which focuses on the antics of Jimmy Miller and his fellow Mountain Rescue volunteers. Veteran Jimmy takes new volunteer Conor under his wing, introducing him to dog-obsessed Bill, chirpy head of operations Bernie and Jules, the local pub barmaid. All seems to go well until somebody actually needs to be rescued from the nearby mountain... Jimmy Chisholm, Kevin Guthrie and Sharon Rooney head the cast. Will we see it in the future as a series? Only time will tell...

WEDNESDAY
The Supervet
Channel 4, 8pm
You can tell Noel Fitzpatrick is no ordinary animal doctor – for a start, he has two very cool nicknames. According to the title of this new series, he's the Supervet but he's also known as the Bionic Vet – and that's because he runs one of the most advanced practices in Britain. Neil and his team of over a hundred surgeons, nurses, ward attendants and physiotherapists use some of the most cutting-edge treatments available to cure pets from across the country that might otherwise be considered beyond saving. In this first episode, David, Gill and their son Freddie are pinning their hopes on Noel as their Labrador Scooby battles a life-threatening tumour in his leg.

Billy Connolly's Big Send Off
ITV, 9pm
Death doesn't have to be morbid – just ask Billy Connolly. The stand-up comedian has always been fascinated with how people deal with their own mortality, and in this documentary he's looking at the many different beliefs and rituals that surround it. He explains: "I'm going to strip away the taboos to reveal that far from the doom and gloom you may expect, the world of death is full of wonderful people doing some extraordinary things." It's a journey that begins at the National Funeral Directors Association convention in Texas, where death is big business, and the items up for sale include an eco death-suit threaded with mushroom spores, which helps to turn corpses into compost.

Billy Connolly's Big Send Off, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
Posh Pawn
Channel 4, 8pm
Some TV shows naturally lend themselves to workplace discussion the next day. Not so much Posh Pawn, for fear of being overheard and misunderstood. Dodgy homophones aside, though, this series following high-end pawnbroker James Constantinou is proving endlessly entertaining. This week, a former model named Cathy wants to start her own lingerie business, and so brings in her collection of designer bags and jewellery in the hope of securing a £50,000 loan. Meanwhile, James attracts the wrong kind of attention when he takes a client's Ferrari for a spin, and an inventor decides it's time he parted with his precious watch.

FRIDAY
The Minster
BBC2, 8pm
New documentary series filmed over the course of a year that goes behind the scenes at York Minster, beginning during the busy run-up to Easter as head verger Alex Carberry has to overcome a fear of heights to drape a cloth over a giant crucifix. The cathedral's own police force responds to an emergency call and stonemasons prepare to carve a new version of the mysterious weathered figure at the pinnacle of the east window.

The Trip to Italy
BBC2, 10pm
Steve's son Joe and his assistant Emma join him and Rob on the final leg of their culinary tour of Italy as they take the ferry from Naples to Capri, where they have lunch at Il Riccio. Afterwards, Rob asks Emma for advice about whether he should go back to Lucy.

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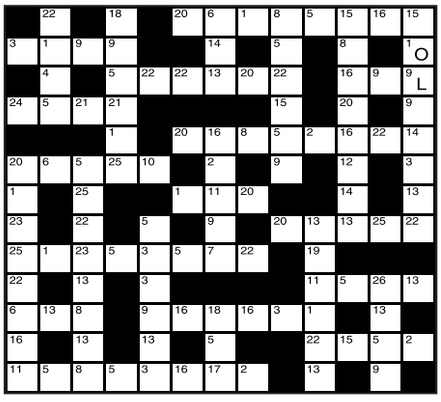

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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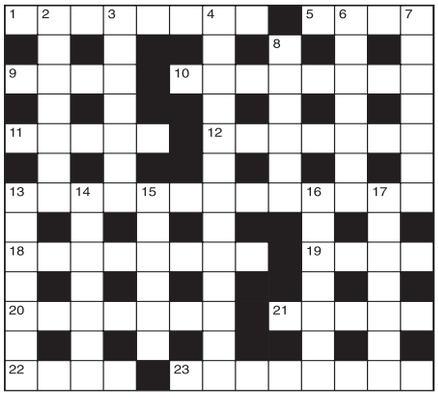
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Justice characteristic of the Scandinavians (8)
5. Very keen to do a turn as a singer (4)
9. 50 amp. bulb? (4)
10. Lend a car out as something for daily use (8)
11. It's sung in pleasantly rich surroundings (5)
12. Cow-catchers? (7)
13. They figure a great deal in population surveys (13)
18. Exit angrily, to destroy (5,3)
19. He's on about being present (4)
20. Noise or disturbance can be wearing (7)
21. There's space to travel in it (5)
22. Trifles - child's play really (4)
23. Influence of a converted priest, for example (8)

Down

2. He studies make-up (7)
3. Create a fresh impression (7)
4. Hot-looking athlete or climber (7-6)
6. Huntress follows in a state (7)
7. Stops and takes into custody (7)
8. Decimal used in some tricky calculations (6)
13. His guilt is a possibility (7)
14. Perhaps to many a branch of medicine (7)
15. Harm one thousand and two (6)
16. People who do so get what's coming to them (7)
17. Dealing with someone with a complaint (7)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Vigorous (8)
5. Possesses (4)
9. Boast (4)
10. Sticky (8)
11. Rash (5)
12. Slumberer (7)
13. Some time (6,2,5)
18. Check (8)
19. Depravity (4)
20. Italian wine (7)
21. Sag (5)
22. Near (4)
23. Replied (8)

Down

2. Violent wind (7)
3. Alleviate (7)
4. Ill-health (13)
6. Racing dog (7)
7. Clipper (7)
8. Disclose (6)
13. Opponent of the Crusaders (7)
14. Ejecting (7)
15. Mission (6)
16. Unfavourable (7)
17. Envelop (7)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Record; 4 Spread; 9 Debt-collector; 10 Calls up; 11 Aired; 12 Light; 14 Relay; 18 Cream; 19 Incense; 21 Cheerlessness; 22 Attest; 23 Beaten. Down: 1 Reduce; 2 Co-belligerent; 3 Races; 5 Prelate; 6 Entertainment; 7 Deride; 8 Slips; 13 Humerus; 15 Acacia; 16 Vices; 17 Reason; 20 Caste. QUICK - Across: 1 Modest; 4 Stable; 9 Miscellaneous; 10 Lingers; 11 Ether; 12 Sever; 14 Users; 18 Strip; 19 Deprive; 21 Entertainment; 22 Desert; 23 Chaste. Down: 1 Mumble; 2 Disintegrates; 3 Sieve; 5 Tenders; 6 Brotherliness; 7 Ensure; 8 Close; 13 Emperor; 15 Ascend; 16 Ideal; 17 Settle; 20 Pinch.

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MARY STREET, WALSALL
. Terraced House
. Two Bedrooms
. Lounge, Kitchen
. Dining Room
. Bathroom
. ONE MONTH RENT FREE. Details upon request
£425pcm - plus fees

EPC: D
CAMPION CLOSE, TAMEBRIDGE
. Town House
. One Bedroom
. Lounge / Kitchen
. Bathroom
. GCH, UPVC DG
. Parking Space
£385pcm - plus fees

EPC: G
TASKER STREET, WALSALL
. Newly Decorated Studio Flat
. Hallway & Kitchen
. Lounge/Bedroom
. Bathroom
. Electric Heating
. Near To The Town Centre
£325pcm - plus fees

EPC: G
BRADFORD STREET, WALSALL
. Second Floor Flat
. One Bedroom
. Lounge
. Kitchen
. Shower Room
. Electric Heating
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Three Storey Three Bed Town House Having Entrance Hallway, Ground Floor W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms To The First Floor, Family Bathroom, Master To The Second Floor With En-Suite, & Garage.
£134,950

LIME AVE, BENTLEY
Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House Having Lounge, Dining Room Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility Area, Three Bedrooms, Fitted Shower Room, Separate W.C, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Off Road Parking And Rear Garden.
£109,995

UPLANDS GR, PORTOBELLO
Extended Two Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Loft Storage Room, Family Bathroom C/Heating, UPVC D/Glazing, Garage,
£119,995

ENSBURY CLOSE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Link Detached Property Located In A Quiet Cul-De-Sac Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C, Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing,
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Four Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Generous Conservatory, Playroom/Bedroom Four, Refitted Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating & Block Paved Driveway.
£145,000

LINDEN CLOSE, BENTLEY
Two Bed Maisonette Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Inner Hallway, Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Spacious Lounge Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, Electric Heating, Secure Fenced Communal Area To The Rear. Great FTB Or BTL Investment.
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Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Side Storage Area, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden.
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BLOXWICH RD, LEAMORE
Spacious Two Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower Cubicle, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden And Off Road Parking.
£95,000

WYCHBOLD WAY, NEW INVENTION
Well Presented Three Bed End Town House Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Ground Floor W.C, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Lounge, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, Majority C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden.
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£109,995

THE CRESCENT, WILLENHALL
Modern Two Bed Semi Having Lounge With Open Plan Staircase, Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Block Paved Driveway To The Fore Allowing Off Road Parking For Two Vehicles And A Private Enclosed Rear Garden.
£112,500

UPLANDS RD, PORTOBELLO
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£119,995

WOODSIDE WAY, SHORT HEATH
Well Presented Extended Two Bedroom Semi Detached Property Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen Diner, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom And Detached Garage, Part D/Glazing & C/Heating. Must View!
£131,995

SQUIRES GR, NEW INVENTION
Modern Two Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hallway, Ground Floor W.C, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Lounge, Two Double Bedrooms Both With En-Suite, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Separate Garage.
£132,995

SANDRINGHAM AVE, W-HALL
Three Bed Semi Detached Property Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hallway, Spacious Through Lounge/Diner, Extended Kitchen, Refitted Family Bathroom, Hardwood D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage & Driveway.
£134,995

UPLANDS AVENUE, WILLENHALL
Two/Three Bed Detached Bungalow Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Basement/Hobby Room, Cellar, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Detached Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden. Must View.
£139,995

LONGWOOD RISE, WILLENHALL
Immaculate Three Bed Detached Property Comprises Of Spacious Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner With Integrated Oven And Hob, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom With Jacuzzi Bath, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Detached Garage And Block Paved Driveway.
£157,995

REDWOOD WAY, COPPICE FARM
Three Bed Link Detached Property Having Entrance Hall, Lounge, Spacious Fitted Kitchen Diner, Separate Utility Room, Family Bathroom With Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Integral Garage, Driveway.
£159,995

ABERFORD CL, WILLENHALL
Five Bed Semi Detached Having Lounge, Spacious Kitchen, Dining Room, Family Bathroom, Separate Shower Room, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Integral Garage, Front & Rear Gardens. Cul-De-Sac Location.
£167,995

W-TON RD WEST, BENTLEY
Well Presented Four Bed Semi Detached Property Having Lounge, Stylish Breakfast Kitchen, 'P' Shaped Conservatory, Three Bedrooms To The First Floor, Bathroom With Separate Steam Shower, Bedroom Four To The Second Floor, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Driveway.
£169,995

HIGHMOOR CL, COPPICE FARM
Three Bed Detached Having Lounge, Separate Dining Room With UPVC Double Glazed French Doors, Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom With Fitted Wardrobes, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage And Block Paved Driveway.
£169,995

BIRCHTREE HOLLOW, WILLENHALL
Extended Five Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge Being Open Plan Into Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility Room, Ground Floor W.C, Additional Sitting Room, Four/Five Bedrooms And Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Block Paved Driveway.
£169,995

THORNE ROAD, WILLENHALL
Three Bed End Of Terrace Comprising Of Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Off Road Parking And A Generous Rear Garden. Recently Refurbished Including New Carpets.
£500 PCM

PIMBURY RD, SHORT HEATH
Three Bed Semi Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Three bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Off Road Parking, Garage And Good Sized Rear Garden.Viewings Recommended!
£550 PCM

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FEATURED PROPERTY

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THOMPSON STREET
THE MANOR

- Superb Modern Detached
- Hall
- Guests WC
- Three Reception Rooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

£205,000

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

EPC D

CANNOCK ROAD
WILLENHALL

- Extended Traditional Detached
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Reception Hall
- Guests WC
- Three Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility
- Luxury Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Delightful Rear Gardens
- Large Driveway

£325,000

FEATURED PROPERTY

NO CHAIN

EPC D

MYRTLE CLOSE
WOODLANDS

- Modern Style Semi Detached
- Much Improved
- Very popular location
- Through lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway and Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing

£129,995

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EPC D

REID AVENUE
SHORT HEATH

- Superb modern dormer bungalow
- Corner plot location
- Three double bedrooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Large lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Driveway
- Corner gardens

£154,950

REDUCED

EPC C

SNEYD LANE
ESSINGTON

- Attractive Extended Semi Detached on Premier Road & Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Extended Lounge
- Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility & WC
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Delighful Rear Gardens

£239,950

EPC C

YALE ROAD
WILLENHALL

- Exceptional Modern Link Detached
- Spacious Lounge
- Dining Room
- Family Room
- Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage
- Rear Gardens

£235,000

EPC C

CUMBERLAND ROAD
WILLENHALL

- Well Appointed Modern Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- En-suite Shower Room
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Ground Floor WC
- Gas CH
- Double Glaz
- Garage
- Driveway
- Rear Gardens

£200,000

EPC D

HILLBURY DRIVE
COPPICE FARM

- Extended Modern Style Semi Detached
- Lounge & Dining Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Driveway
- Rear Gardens

£153,950

EPC E

TRENTHAM AVENUE
WILLENHALL

- Extended End Terrace Property
- Spacious Lounge
- Large Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Excellent Size Rear Gardens

£137,000

NO CHAIN

EPC D

THE CRESCENT
WILLENHALL

- Period Mid Terrace Property
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Rear Gardens

£89,950

NO CHAIN

EPC E

GIPSY LANE
WILLENHALL

- Traditional Mid Terrace Property
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- First Floor Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Rear Gardens

£79,950

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NEW INSTRUCTION
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NIGHTINGALE CRESCENT
COPPICE FARM

- Modern Detached Property
- Popular Road
- Prime location
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility with wc
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite to Master Bedroom
- Refitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden
- Garage

£228,000

MANAGER'S CHOICE
REDUCED

EPC D

ADA WRIGHTON CLOSE
NEW INVENTION

- Modern Style Mid Terrace
- Popular Cul-De-Sac
- Reception Hall
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Driveway

OFFERS OVER £125,000

NEW INSTRUCTION
NEW

EPC C

HAWTHORNE ROAD, OFF POOLES LANE
SHORT HEATH

- Immaculate Semi Detached
- No chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Luxury Bathroom
- Lounge
- Superb Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Refitted Luxury Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Long Block Paved Driveway
- Large Rear Garden

£119,950

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YALE ROAD
WILLENHALL

- Superior Detached ● No Chain
- Large Lounge ● Dining Room
- Impressive Breakfast Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms ● 2 En-Suites ● Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- Garage ● Driveway ● Rear Gardens

£244,950

NEW — EPC E

NOOSE LANE
WILLENHALL

- Well Appointed Detached Property
- Hall with Guest wc ● Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Lounge and Dining room ● Kitchen ● Conservatory/utility
- Double Glazing and Gas central heating
- Driveway ● Front and Rear Gardens

£154,950

NO CHAIN — EPC D

EDINBURGH DRIVE
SUMMER HAYES

- Extended semi detached bungalow ● Popular cul-de-sac location
- Two bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Through Lounge ● Dining room ● Kitchen
- Double glazing ● Gas central heating ● Large driveway
- Pleasant front and rear gardens
- No chain

£142,500

REDUCED — EPC D

KEASDEN GRIVE
WILLENHALL

- Modern Style Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Lounge ● Dining Room ● Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- Garage ● Long Driveway ● Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£134,000

REDUCED — EPC C

DEANSGATE
WILLENHALL

- Impressive modern semi detached ● No chain
- Spacious lounge ● Conservatory
- Dining kitchen ● Guests WC
- Three bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Double glazing ● Gas central heating
- Driveway ● Garden

£124,950

NEW — EPC E

DURHAM AVENUE
WILLENHALL

- Traditional Semi Detached Property with No Chain
- Lounge ● Dining Room ● Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Driveway ● Pleasant Rear Gardens

£122,500

NEW — EPC C

EDINBURGH AVENUE
BENTLEY

- Superb well appointed semi detached property
- Lounge ● Impressive refitted breakfast kitchen ● Utility
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazing ● Gas central heating
- Rear garden

OFFERS OVER £110,000

REDUCED — EPC D

HALEY STREET
WILLENHALL

- Mid terraced property with NO CHAIN
- Lounge ● Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Double glazing ● Part gas central heating
- Driveway ● Rear gardens

£72,000

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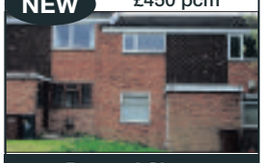
NEW £475 pcm

Farringdon Street
- A traditional 3 bed end terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden DSS accepted

NEW £450 pcm

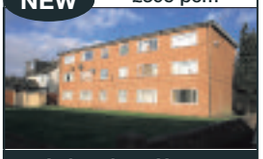


Pommel Close
- A refurbished 2 bed 1st floor maisonette
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Stylish family bathroom with shower
- Double Glazing throughout
- Garage

NEW £450 pcm

Wellington Road
- A 2 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom with shower
- Double glazing throughout
- Recently re-decorated

NEW £395 pcm

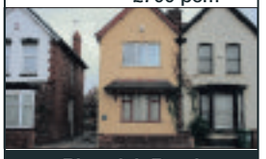


Laburnham House
- One bed ground floor apartment
- Good sized reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Family bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Neutral decor throughout

£750 pcm

Mandeville Gardens
- A modern 4 bed detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway, Guest WC and rear garden

£700 pcm



Bloxwich Road
- A fully re-furbished 4 bed semi
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- 4 bathrooms all with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS considered EPC rating E

£695 pcm

Follyhouse Lane
- An extended 4 bed semi detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- 2 family bathrooms both with showers
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway and rear garden EPC rating D

£595 pcm

Poppy Drive
- A modern 3 bed mid terrace
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Master en-suite and guest WC
- Driveway and integral garage

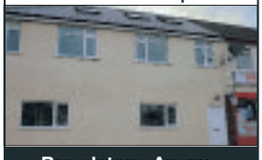
£575 pcm

Stanley Road
- An extended 3 bed semi detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- 3rd reception/4th bedroom
- Driveway, guest shower room EPC rating C

£575 pcm

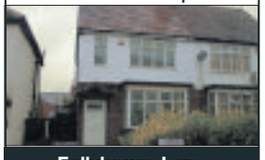
Glebe Street
- A modern 4 bed semi detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Guest WC
- Driveway and integral Garage

£550 pcm



Broadstone Avenue
- A fully re-furbished 2 bed apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Ground floor

£550 pcm



Follyhouse Lane
- A fully re-furbished 3 bed semi
- 1 spacious reception room
- New fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- New upstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden and Driveway EPC rating E

£525 pcm

Greadier Street
- A well presented 3 bed semi detached property
- 1 spacious through lounge
- Fitted kitchen with side utility area
- New upstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- Driveway, Guest WC, DSS accepted

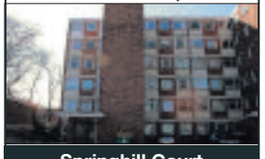
£495 pcm

Neath Road
- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£475 pcm

Weston Street
- A re-decorated 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating D

450 pcm



Springhill Court
- A well presented 2 bed ground floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Stylish bathroom with shower
- Double Glazing throughout
- Parking, DSS accepted

£450 pcm

Darlaston Road
- A traditional 3 bed end terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

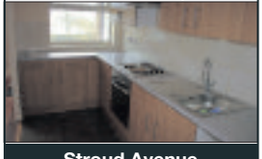
£450 pcm

Whitehall Road
- A traditional 2 bed end terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£425 pcm

Ashmore Lake Road
- A well presented 2 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Parking available

£425 pcm



Stroud Avenue
- A choice of three 2 bed apartments
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with separate WC
- Double Glazing throughout
- Viewing essential EPC rating F

£375 pcm

Stafford Street
- A stylish 1 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with appliances
- Pleasant family bathroom with shower
- Double Glazing throughout
- DSS accepted

£350 pcm

The Shambles
- A recently re-furbished 1 bed apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with shower cubicle
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating C

£350 pcm

Prince Street
- A well presented 2 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception room
- Fitted kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- DSS accepted

£350 pcm

Bradford Street
- A refurbished studio apartment
- A spacious lounge/bedroom area
- Brand new fitted kitchen with cooker
- Modern bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Town centre location

£650 pcm

Asterway, Tamebridge
- Bed modern datached property
- Spacious open plan lounge/dinning
- Fitted Kitchen with cooker
- Master en-suite and WC
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Garage, Driveway EPC rating C

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- First Floor Family Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage
- Garden To Rear, Spacious Accommodation

Viewing — £230,000

Rowan Road, South Walsall

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms With En-suite To Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- Good Size Enclosed Rear Garden
- First Floor Family Bathroom
- Ground Floor Guest Wc
- Double Glazing As Stated
- Gas Central Heating System, Kitchen & Utility Area

Viewing — OFFERS AROUND: £225,000

Victoria Avenue, Bloxwich — NEW

- Spacious Traditional Semi Detached Home
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Lounge & Two Further Reception Rooms
- Large Mature Rear Garden & Garage
- First Floor Family Bathroom
- Ground Floor Guest Wc
- Double Glazed As Stated
- Gas Central Heating System, Kitchen Incorporating Breakfast Area

Viewing — OFFERS OVER £200,000

Thursfield Road, West Bromwich — NEW

- Larger Style Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating E, Through Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £197,950
Viewing:

Wednesbury Road, Walsall — NEW

- Traditional MId Terrace Property
- Four Bedrooms & Loft Room
- Two Large Reception Rooms
- Good Size Accommodation, Reception Hallway

OFFERS AROUND: £179,950
Viewing:

Hall Green Road, West Bromwich — NEW

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating D, Side Garage

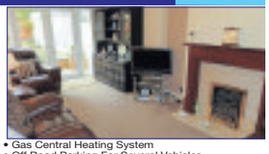
OFFERS AROUND: £165,000
Viewing:

Martingale Close, South Walsall

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate, Kitchen Incorpor-

OFFERS AROUND: £159,950
Viewing:

Delves Green Road, South Walsall — REDUCED



- Traditional Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen
- Contemporary Style Throughout
- Double Glazed As Stated
- Gas Central Heating System
- Off Road Parking For Several Vehicles
- Well Maintained Fore & Rear Garden, Receptior Hallway

Viewing — OFFERS AROUND: £159,950

Broadstone Avenue, Walsall — NEW

- Spacious Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Two Large Reception Rooms
- Good Access To Bloxwich & Walsall
- Double Glazed As Stated
- Gas Central Heating System
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- Large Mature Rear Garden, Contemporary Style Kitchen

Viewing — OFFERS AROUND: £149,950

Hill Top, West Bromwich — NEW

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Energy Rating TBC, Three Bedrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £140,000
Viewing:

Moseley Road, Bilston — REDUCED

- Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Entrance Porch and Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- , Kitchen

Viewing: £130,000

Hilton Road, Willenhall — REDUCED

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- No Upward Chain
- Entrance Hall
- , Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: £127,950
Viewing:

Highfield Road, Tipton

- Improved end terrace
- Upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- Viewing recommended
- 3 bedrooms, epc c

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing:

Vicarage Road, West Bromwich — NEW

- Traditional Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Lounge & Dining Area
- , Entrance Hall & Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing:

Pennyroyal Close, Tame Bridge

- Modern Style Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- , Double Glazed As Stated

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing:

Gladstone Street, West Bromwich — NEW

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Side Garage
- Two Bedrooms
- Energy Rating TBC, Double Glazed Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing:

Jonfield Gardens, Great Barr

- Modern Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate, Bathroom With

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing:

Wayford Glade, Willenhall — NEW

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- , Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £112,000
Viewing:

Park Lane West, Tipton

- Much Improved Middle Terrace
- UPVc Double Glazing + Gas Central Heating
- Internal Viewing Recommended
- 2 bedrooms, epc D

OFFERS AROUND: £93,000
Viewing:

Russell Road, Bilston — NEW

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- , Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: £93,000
Viewing:

Hollyhedge Lane, Walsall

- Traditional Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- No Ongoing Chain, Recently Installed Modern

OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
Viewing:

Dora Street, Walsall — NEW

- Mid Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Viewing Essential, First Floor Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
Viewing:

Hallam Street, West Bromwich — NEW

- Top Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Security Intercom Entrance System
- Energy Rating F, Garage In Seperate Block

OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing:

Shaftesbury Street, West Bromwich — NEW

- Semi Detached Property
- In Need Of Improvement
- Three Bedrooms
- Energy Rating D, Two Reception Rooms

Viewing: £85,000

Dunkirk Avenue, West Bromwich

- End Terrace
- In need of repair / attention
- no upward chain
- 3 bedrooms, epc D

OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing:

Mackay Road, Walsall — NEW

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- No Ongoing Chain, EPC RATING D

OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing:

Whitgreave Street, West Bromwich

- Extended semi detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- no upward chain
- 2 bedrooms, epc C

OFFERS AROUND: £82,500
Viewing:

Isaac Walton Place, West Bromwich

- End terrace
- Upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- No upward chain
- 3 bedrooms, epc D

OFFERS AROUND: £79,950
Viewing:

Dudley Road West, Tipton

- Ground Floor Flat
- double glazing
- electric heating
- 1 Bedroom, Epc D

OFFERS AROUND: £55,000
Viewing:

Gomer Street, Willenhall — NEW

- 2 Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- , Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: £47,500
Viewing:

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- Double Glazing and Electric heating
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- Lounge•Kitchen
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Bloxwich
SANDHILL STREET
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- D.Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Lounge•Kitchen•Downstairs W.C.
- Conservatory•Bathroom•Gardens

£495 PCM

Walsall
LORD STREET
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge•Dining Room
- Kitchen•Family Bathroom
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- D.Glazing•Gas Central Heating
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- Utility•Bathroom•DHSS

Accepted

£475 PCM

Walsall
ARCHER ROAD
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- D.Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Lounge•Kitchen/Diner•DHSS

Accepted

£475 PCM

Walsall
KENT STREET
- Three Bedroom Terrace Property
- Double Glazing•Gas Central Heating
- Front Reception Room•Lounge
- Kitchen•Bathroom

£450 PCM

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- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen•Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden•Gas Central Heating

£425 PCM

Walsall
TAME CLOSE
- ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- Entrance Hall•Lounge with Balcony
- Kitchen•Bedroom with Storage

£395 PCM

Walsall
MURDOCK WAY
- Three Bedroom Terraced
- Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Lounge•Dining Room•Utility•Kitchen
- Front and Rear Gardens•Sorry No DHSS,

£450 PCM

Bloxwich
HARRISON STREET
- TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- double glazing & gas central heating
- Lounge•Kitchen
- Bathroom•DHSS Accepted

£375 PCM

Walsall
MOAT ROAD
- Two Bed Flat above retail premises
- Lounge•Kitchen
- Shower Room
- DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM

Bloxwich
HARRISON STREET
- One Bedroom Flat
- Lounge•Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing•Electric heating
- DHSS Accepted

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- Two Bedroom Flat
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Beech Court Walsall

Viewing: 6th & 13th May at 10.30

Conveniently located on the outskirts of Walsall town centre this purpose built first floor flat is an ideal investment opportunity. The well appointed and planned accommodation comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with Shower, Communal Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 - £60,000

LOT TBC

Wayford Glade Willenhall

Viewing: By Appointment

This modern gas centrally heated and double glazed semi-detached residence is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac and would make an ideal purchase for an investor. Cash offers only are invited for the property which comprises Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, fore and rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £90,000 PLUS

LOT TBC

Ida Road Walsall

Viewing: 6th & 13th May at 12.15

In need of some improvement this semi detached property is located close to the Manor Hospital and lends itself to an investor of owner occupier. Cash offers are invited for the property which comprises the following part double glazed and centrally heated accommodation Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lobby with W.C lean to Verandah, Three Bedrooms, W.C, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £65,000 - £75,000

LOT TBC

Bradford Street Walsall

Viewing: By Appointment

Town centre freehold shop/office unit set over three floors with split level ground floor retail area with office and W.C., Basement with Kitchenette, Store and W.C., Lower Basement Storage, Four Ancillary Rooms, Rear Parking.

GUIDE PRICE £99,000 PLUS

LOT TBC

Great Bridge Road Bilston

Viewing: By Appointment

A purpose built first floor flat offered as an ideal buy to let investment.

The double glazed accommodation is conveniently located and comprises Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom.

GUIDE PRICE £46,000 PLUS

LOT TBC

Lincoln Road Walsall

Viewing: 6th & 13th May at 14.15

This traditionally styled gas centrally heated and part double glazed semi detached residence is in need of modernisation. Situated in the popular Chuckery area the property is set on wide frontage with double garage and comprises Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, Rear Porch, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £120,000 PLUS

LOT TBC

Shannon Drive Walsall

Viewing: By Appointment

A well presented mid terraced property, offering a perfect investment opportunity, currently let on a 12 month Assured Shorthold Tenancy at £440 PCM. Cash offers only are invited for the property which comprises Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £55,000 PLUS

LOT TBC

Elmsdale Court Walsall

Viewing: By Appointment

A purpose built first floor flat, sold as an investment currently let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy at £410pcm. Situated just outside Walsall town centre the well located double glazed accommodation comprises Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom, Outside communal Gardens, Carport.

GUIDE PRICE £40,000 - £45,000

LOT TBC

Ridgeway Court Walsall

Viewing: By Appointment

A purpose built first floor maisonette conveniently located and making an ideal investment purchase. With gas central heating and double glazing the property comprises: Reception Hall, Open plan Lounge with fitted Kitchen inner Hallway with Store, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower. Communal gardens and Parking area.

GUIDE PRICE £40,000 - £50,000

LOT TBC

Pool Street Walsall

Viewing: By Appointment

Situated close to Walsall town centre this former Children's Day care Centre/Clinic lends itself to a number of uses. With a number of rooms the detached building also comes with its own parking. The centrally heated accommodation briefly comprises: Reception Area with W.C.'s off, 2 large Activity Rooms, Soft and Wet Play Areas, 3 Offices, 2 Kitchens, additional W.C's, Changing Rooms. Outside: Functional Play Area, Car Parking and Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £100,000 - £120,000

LOT TBC

Canterbury Close Erdington

Viewing: 6th & 15th May at 14.00

This modern 3 storey end townhouse has been well maintained and offers well appointed and planned gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for owner occupier or investor. Conveniently located close to all amenities the accommodation comprises Hallway, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Guest W.C., Two first floor bedrooms and Bathroom, Master Bedroom on second floor with En-suite. Off street Parking and landscaped rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £125,000 PLUS

LOT TBC

Sandwell Street Walsall

Viewing: 6th & 13th May at 11.00

Internal viewing of this Victorian end terrace is recommended to appreciate the spacious well appointed and maintained accommodation which benefits from gas central heating and uPVC double glazing would make an ideal purchase for an investor or owner occupier. The property comprises: Through Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, W.C., Two Double Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom. Outside: Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £68,000 - £78,000

LOT TBC

Castlefort Road Walsall

Viewing: 6th & 13th May at 13.30

In need of some modernisation, this traditional semi detached residence is set on a larger than average plot and offers well planned gas centrally heated and part double glazed accommodation ideal for an investor for first time buyer. Conveniently located the property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, basic Kitchen, Outbuildings, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and good sized Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £90,000 PLUS

LOT TBC

Leighswood Road Aldridge

Viewing: 6th & 13th May at 13.00

This former café comes with its own self contained living accommodation and would make an ideal investment. Set on a prominent corner plot on the outskirts of Aldridge village the gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation comprises self contained Shop with prep Area, House with Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear garden with off street Parking.

GUIDE PRICE £105,000 PLUS

LOT TBC

Lozells Street Birmingham

Viewing: 6th & 15th May at 10.30

In need of modernisation this traditional mid terraced property has some double glazing and central heating and comprises Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Wet Shower Room, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Outside Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £75,000 PLUS

LOT TBC

Cliveden Avenue Birmingham

Viewing: 6th & 15th May at 11.15

Extended at ground and first floor levels, this traditionally styled gas centrally heated and double glazed semi detached property is conveniently located in a sought after area. In need of some improvements the property comprises Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Through Lounge, Extended Dining Room, Extended Kitchen Utility Room with W.C., Three double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and large rear gardens, with rear vehicular access.

GUIDE PRICE £130,000 - £150,000

LOT TBC

Glebe Street Walsall

Viewing: 6th & 13th May at 11.30

This former Day Care Centre consists of two self-contained, centrally heated and mainly double glazed buildings, lending themselves to a number of alternative uses. 28 Glebe Street (2 storey) comprises 5 offices, Kitchen and W.C's. Archway Centre (single storey) comprises Hallway, 2 large Activity Rooms, Kitchen, 4 Offices, 3 W.C's. Outside: Car Park.

GUIDE PRICE £130,000 PLUS

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Style and practicality at heart of new Vivaro

By David Banner

The new Vauxhall Vivaro combines the functionality of a light commercial vehicle with the comfort and design of a passenger car.

Coming to market this summer, the second generation of Vauxhall's best-seller brings the award-winning 'sculptural artistry meets technical precision' design philosophy to the light commercial vehicle segment for the first time.

Complementing its new, eye-catching looks are state-of-the-art technologies and many practical, innovative features in the cabin, making the Vivaro an extremely attractive competitor in this key vehicle class. With approximately 50,000 vehicles sold annually, it accounts for over 10 percent of its segment on the European market.

"The second generation Vauxhall Vivaro distinguishes itself with its superb practicality and quality. After 13 successful years on the market, we wanted to make the all-new Vivaro's packaging even more attractive while raising the standard of its core capabilities," said Mark Adams, Vauxhall/Opel's vice-president, design, describing the design team's task.

The new Vauxhall Vivaro's exterior is now even more elegant and modern. With a large, prominent grille, distinctive headlamps and the flowing blade side feature from Vauxhall's multi-award-winning design language, it includes the characteristic forms of the brand's passenger car models.

The headlamps are executed in high-gloss black mouldings with embedded chrome accents which enhance their jewel-like effect. The daytime running lights come with signature Vauxhall wing graphic design and are available with modern, crisp LED technology, giving the Vivaro an unmistakable look.

In all its elegance, with its wide face and clean, practical rear, the Vivaro clearly communicates the robustness which customers demand from the van during its everyday use.

Its side design brings sculptural artistry to the van segment, with the signature Vauxhall blade feature flowing from under the side mirrors back to the rear wheel-arches in the same style as the Insignia family and Astra GTC models.

Depending on how the new Vivaro is to be used – as a robust workhorse, a sophisticated company vehicle or a comfortable large-capacity passenger carrier – customers can choose between two body trim specifications. The core variant is particularly robust and rugged: many body components, such as the front bumper, grille, side mirror housings and the vertical rear mouldings are in a durable, black textured plastic material. And for the Sportive, all body elements gleam in the same colour and the grille shines in chrome.

The new Vivaro colour palette comprises 11 standard colours – two more than its predecessor – with five solid and six two-coat metallic finishes.

Modern

While the exterior, in all its elegance, clearly communicates the new Vivaro's robustness, its interior is designed to provide a modern, mobile workspace. The driver can choose comfort seats with lumbar support which are adjustable in length and height. All important functions in the cockpit are now positioned in line of sight and within optimal reach, ensuring ideal ergonomics. Their location played a central role in the design and layout of the driver and front passenger cabin area.

The steering wheel, with remote controls, is positioned at a more upright angle for improved driver comfort and the steering column is adjustable for both rake and reach. The new instrument panel now has an oval, digital speed readout in the centre, flanked by the rev counter and fuel gauge in classic round forms.

The new Vivaro is not only a comfortable load carrier, it is also a mobile office, which is particularly important for a vehicle in this class.

The driver can install a notebook to his/her right and take care of desk work between journeys or set up the next customer appointment via email. Because, thanks to a sophisticated folding mechanism, the centre front seat can be quickly and easily transformed into a 'desk' with space for a laptop, turning the Vivaro's cab into a mobile, connected office.

Optimum on-board connectivity is becoming increasingly important, especially for commercial vehicles as they are often required to function as mobile office and business hubs.

To meet such needs, the new Vivaro offers a selection of different infotainment systems which can be optionally operated via steering wheel remote controls. These include the NAVI 50 system, with a seven-inch, intuitively-operated colour touchscreen giving the driver access to all important functions, such as radio, telephone and, of course, the navigation system including maps for 30 European countries.

It has a CD player, AM/FM radio, a double-tuner, AUX/USB ports and is MP3/WMA compatible. Bluetooth telephone connectivity and audio streaming are also provided, and maps can simply be updated by USB download.

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New model from BMW is positive change of direction

By David Banner

It did everything that was asked of it, and more, but the biggest problem lies in the minds of potential buyers.

Having a good idea is only half the battle – possibly even less than half. The difficult bit tends to be convincing others that you're not completely cracked.

And so it was with the 3GT. Because BMW has for many decades now fashioned its position as a creator of fabulous saloons, estates and coupes, but there appears to be something of a mental block for anything that doesn't fit into that template.

I must admit that, before it arrived, I wasn't sure whether I would gel with the Gran Turismo's looks. But in the flesh, and with the Sport pack including 19in wheels, it looked the business – to these eyes at least. Particularly because the 3 Series saloon is pretty much everywhere and a little individuality goes a long way.

Better still, the differing look is for a purpose, namely the extra space on the inside. It's significantly longer than the saloon and Touring and has more length in the wheelbase – although to look at, you wouldn't think it was significantly bigger.

The pay-off is in the back seats though, which offer limo-like space.

True, it wasn't often than anyone taller than the kids travelled in the back, but as any parent knows, the more space, the better.

Handy

The same goes for the boot too. There's more space than the 3 Series Touring with seats up or down. Over the six months the 3's boot swallowed everything from a jet washer to a rabbit hutch and never batted an eyelid.

The standard electric hatch and rear-mounted release for the rear seats came in exceptionally handy too.

My '3 had the most humble of the diesel offerings, with a modest 143bhp but a very healthy 235lb/ft of torque. As diesels do, it loosened up as the miles rolled by and the performance was always more than enough.

It was thrifty with it too, although the biggest hurdle with achieving good fuel economy was the driver. Over the six months it averaged 48mpg, and that was with me generally not behaving myself. On the rare occasions I gave it the full eco approach, it would hit 70 or even 80 miles per gallon on a long run.

Precision

The other simple thing is the 3 GT was great fun to drive. It steered and handled with the kind of precision you don't expect from a family car, and that just made it all the harder to behave myself. In truth, it spent plenty of time trudging up and down motorways, and the comfortable seats and good driving position made short work of that too.

So, basically, the biggest problem with the 3 GT is people think they need a Touring or a saloon instead. By all means go right ahead, but given the GT beats both for space, offers a better ride and is subtly different from all the other 3 Series out there, it's worth seriously considering this instead.

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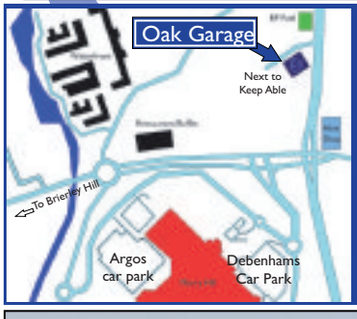

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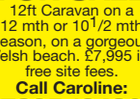

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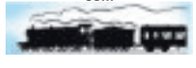

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Lambert ready to take flak for team

PAUL LAMBERT says he will take all the flak to protect his Villa players from criticism.

The manager is prepared to shield the squad from the worst of the jibes after fans called for his head on Saturday. Villa lost 4-1 at Swansea to leave them three points above the Premier League relegation zone with three games left.

"We've never shied away from it and you have to step up to the plate. I'm the one who is the manager of the football club and I'm proud of it," he said. "But it's my job to protect the lads. They are the ones who go and play the game and come Saturday we're going to need the supporters."

"The players know the expectancy level of the football club. It's huge. They will take it on board but we need the fans to roar us on next Saturday."

Despite supporter unrest Lambert, though, believes they will back the team during Saturday's final home game with Hull with Villa desperate for a win.

He said: "I've got no doubt about that. The supporters come in their thousands week in week out. They'll get right behind us. I don't have a problem with that."

Lichfield prove the stronger team

Weston and Wood haul down an attacker

Lichfield 50 Walsall18

THE final scoreline does not truly reflect the effort and commitment shown by a battling Walsall team in their Staffs Cup Final match at Newcastle.

They were without their talisman and captain Steve Halbert, while prop forward Russ Gauden was also unavailable.

Indeed the first quarter of the game saw Walsall do a great deal of pressing and a Weston penalty had given them the lead within a minute.

They can also consider themselves to be unlucky in not scoring two early tries. A poor pass was at fault for the first, while the referee allowed Lichfield to get away with some desperate and very suspicious defending, two minutes later.

It was, however, very obvious that the league champions were intent on playing a

Rugby

very expansive game and were quite happy to run and pass the ball from all areas of the pitch.

Although Walsall produced a much improved performance compared to recent weeks, they were still guilty of making crucial errors. A dropped pass gave Lichfield their first try and then a poor kick resulted in an easy penalty. A Weston penalty cut the deficit.

But Walsall were hit by three tries in quick succession late in the half. Quick tap penalties and the use of fast ball at the breakdown set up the scores.

The Walsall supporters had something to cheer at the end of the half, as Dave Merlin won a lineout and some good driving play resulted in flanker Jamie Hickman getting the touchdown.

The team had the worst possible start to the second half. They failed to gather the kick off and Lichfield pounced on the loose ball and secured an early score. The next 15 minutes saw Lichfield conceding several penalties as Walsall pressed for a score.

But, amazingly, no yellow cards were issued. But the team did get a deserved score as Matt Wood and Harvey Wootton created some space with a couple of well-timed passes that resulted in Wood scoring under the posts.

Roger Weston, the league's top point's scorer, added the conversion. But it was Lichfield that finished the game as the strongest team. The Walsall defence was breached on three more occasions as their opponents continued their style of play.

Stafford A on road to do the double

Lichfield League (Tuesday League) Streetly 151 Stafford Road A 174

STAFFORD Rd A travelled to Streetly hoping to do the double over them. Stafford Rd started well with the first three cards of the night going in their favour as Trevor Jeynes bowled well, winning (21-3) Hayley Scott (21-9) and Ken Fencott (21-19) coming off winners.

The whole team bowled well on a tricky green, Jacquie Squires got the captain's vote for player of the match winning 21-16. John Platt (21-16), Brian Arnold (21-12) and Peter Bellanti (21-14) all won their matches to ensure Stafford Road won by 23 shots.

Stafford Rd B 196 Rugeley Progressive 120

After losing away from home last week Stafford Road was hoping for a home win. With the home team dominating they achieved this by winning by 76 shots.

All the team bowled well, winners were Steve Sheldon (21-4), Terry Darby (21-14), Gary Purchase (21-14), Trevor Kemp (21-7), Michael Dickerson (21-9), Diane Jones (21-6) and Stan Fencott (21-13).

Darlaston League (Saturday League) Stafford Rd B 184 Yale 176

Wood avenge defeat with three-goal win

Walsall Wood 3 Shepshed Dynamo 0

A MUCH sharper second half performance from the Wood saw them comprehensively avenge the opening day defeat in Leicestershire.

Wood started the faster, Andre Gonzales won the ball on halfway in the first minute and played the ball up to Danny Forrest wide left.

His neat ball inside released Craig Hancox into the box to hit a cross shot narrowly wide. Then Lewis Taylor Boyce collected a ball wide right, cut inside and hit a dipping drive just over the bar.

Wood's Joey Butlin won the ball on the left of the box, his first time effort was blocked, he collected the loose ball but again his shot was blocked.

Dynamo won a corner on the right after nine minutes. The ball fell kindly for Sam Cook but Max Black made an important block.

Six minutes later Rob Mulonga got clear on the right but his low cross superbly cut out by Wood skipper Lee Stretton.

Wood's reply was immediate. The ball was played down the right to Butlin, who played it inside and Gonzales' fired in low drive was pushed away by keeper Ryan Thacker.

A pinpoint 60 yard left to right crossfield ball from Scott Cooper was collected at pace by Taylor Boyce, who won a corner.

From it Anthony Juxon powered a header into the top right hand corner but Thacker finger tipped it onto the bar.

On 30 minutes Louis Guest powered a header from a free kick that was superbly held by Wood keeper Raajan Gill.

Four minutes later Alun

Football

Webb raced into the left of the box. Stretton blocked his low drive, but he collected the loose ball and fired in a shot that was somehow kept out by Gill.

An intricate move down the Wood right involving Taylor Boyce, Butlin and Gonzales ending with Black hitting a first time effort just wide.

Cue Tuck racing onto a through ball on the left of the box, his low drive pushed away at full stretch by Gill.

Right on half-time from a right wing free kick Guest glanced a header wide.

It took Wood just four minutes of the second half to break the deadlock.

A lovely ball by Black was collected at pace by Craig Hancox on the left of the box and this time he made no mistake with a clever cross shot.

On 75 minutes Butlin won the ball on halfway and raced into the right of the box. He held off Guest before playing a slide rule ball to his left and Craig Deakin having raced 60 yards made no mistake to make it 2-0.

Right on time Deakin wide right played a 1-2 with Drew Aiton before crossing for Black to score with a brave diving header.

The win takes Wood up to 6th place.

Goal inside 30 seconds brings shock loss for Pics

Ahmed Obeng lines up another shot for Rushall in their 1-0 defeat to Droylsden

Rushall Olympic 0 Droylsden 1

A GOAL in the first 30 seconds of the game proved enough for bottom of the table Droylsden to pull off a shock and gain their first away victory of the Northern League Premier Division season.

The home side played the majority of the second half with 10 men after Sam Smith was sent off for a foul on Sam Freakes.

The visitors made a sensational start by taking the lead with the first attack of the game when Sam Madeley forced the ball home. The home side tried to get back in the game when Matt Wood ran on to a pass from James Dance but fired wide and Stan Mugisha seized on an error from Aeon Lattie but his shot hit the post and rebound to safety.

In a rare attack Madeley`s long range shot was deflected by Gavin Caines and Danny McLoughlin`s long range shot was well wide. Four minutes into the second half things got even worse for the home side when central defender Smith was sent off. But Rushall kept up the pressure and Craig Dootson once again denied Mugisha, then Gavin Caines flicked a corner just over the bar.

As the game wore on the visitors had a couple of opportunites on the break and substitute James Horan saw his header well saved by Maher and a shot from Sefton Gonzales drifted wide.

With time running out there was one last chance for the home side but Liam Spink shot high and wide.

Rangers put Reds in danger

Black Country Rangers 4 Willenhall 1

WILLENHALL suffered a harsh defeat against a high-riding Black Country Rangers side who showed them how to take chances.

Alex Carling saw his header cleared off the line and Andre Calder's header had gone just wide before Rangers took the lead. A 14th-minute free-kick from captain Russell Garner was curled perfectly into the corner of the net.

Carling's lob was then chested off the line before Foster deservedly levelled on the half-hour when he forced home a corner.

Rangers then punished their hosts with two similar goals on 59 and 65 minutes. Both were attacks down the left and saw efforts hit the post before Jakob finished both to put them 3-1 up. Booth made two fine saves before blotting his copybook when he could only palm a swirling cross into the roof of his own net.

Phoenix is burned up by Prince

Lichfield & Walsall District Football League

Jack Donnelly Cup Final

Prince of Wales 2 Walsall Phoenix 1

League 3 side Phoenix came up against an in-form Prince of the Premiership, but were able to hold their own but eventually losing in the final 2-1

Glen Skett Cup Final

Green Rock Tavern 1 Trident FC 2

In an evenly fought contest Trident came out the victors at 2-1

League Trophy Semi Final

Swan FC 5 Oak Park Rangers 2

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Boney Hay 2 Burntwood Star 1; Longhorn FC 7 Cannock Wood 3

League Three

Shelfield FC 4 dog FC 2

League Four

Eximius Warriors 3 Wych Elm FC 0

Lichfield Charity Cup quarter Final

Woolpack B 0 Pelsall Villa FC 1

Legend Walker back for charity

WALSALL'S all-time record appearance holder Jimmy Walker made his return in a Saddlers shirt – helping raise more than £2,000 for charity in the process.

The 40-year-old goalkeeper made his debut for the club's Legends team as they took on fans team AFC Cambridge at the Railway Club in Pleck.

Walker, who made 534 appearances in two spells at the club, was joined by fellow former Saddlers favourites Ian Roper, Mark Rees, Mark Taylor, Martin O'Connor and Andy Reece as the Legends ran out 4-0 winners.

Smith demanding immediate improvement

SADDLERS boss Dean Smith has demanded Walsall's players raise their standards after expressing dismay at Saturday's dismal defeat when they were away to Stevenage.

The Saddlers slumped to a 3-2 defeat against the already relegated hosts, a game most would have expected the Saddlers to win, and have now picked up just 13 points from their last 17 games something the boss is not happy about.

And the loss prompted a visibly frustrated Smith, who is usually known for staying out of the dressing room following a game, to hold a lengthy discussion with his players after the final whistle.

"We had a chat about how for two-thirds of the season we were a top six team and for the last third, for whatever reason, we haven't been," said Smith. "We have talked about it and I told them we need to reflect on the season, review it and get better.

"That is the only thing we can do because the end of the season has not been what we wanted it to be."

The Saddlers were challenging for the play-offs for the first two-thirds of the campaign but now need a result against Colchester this Saturday to ensure a top half finish.

Smith added: "I don't usually go in (to the dressing room) but I felt this was the time because it was a game we should easily have won – no disrespect to Stevenage.

"It hurts because we should have won the game and this has happened too often in the final third of the season.

"We have had a chat and spoke about how far we have moved forward and how far we have come individually and collectively but recently we have fallen away from the standards we have set."

Smith was left particularly unimpressed by a sloppy first half performance which left the Saddlers trailing to Jimmy Smith's opener. They hit back to lead through Mal Benning and Craig Westcarr's quickfire double but Jo N'Guessan levelled, before a dreadful error by Benning allowed Luke Freeman to snatch a late winner for the hosts.

Smith says the players agree with his assessment that things have got to improve. "They see the problem as well," he said.

"We said for the first two-thirds of the season we were a top six team and for the last third of the season we have been a bottom half team and we have got to be better than that.

"As I've said to them, the players who were out there on Saturday are the same players who put in such good performances at Wolves, against Brentford home and away and Leyton Orient home and away, Rotherham home and away," he added.

"We have to make sure those players come out every game and play."

The Saddlers last game of the season when the team will be away to Colchester on Saturday.

Goalkeeper, Richard O'Donnell, has expressed his determination to end the season on a winning note. "We are all disappointed," he said. "The first half we were nowhere near the standards that we know we are capable of."

Walsall out in the first round

Fred Rowley Colts Tournament

OLD Halesonians, Burntwood, Aston Old Eds and Kidderminster are through to the semi-finals. Kidderminster beat Walsall 25-21. Jordan Lay kicked a penalty and converted a try after a fine solo effort by Connor McGuirk.

Veseyans U-13s 17 Walsall U-13s 55

Walsall produced one of their best performances of the season in overcoming a previously unbeaten Veseyans team. The forwards secured good possession and with some strong direct running the visitors were always an attacking force.

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We feel gutted by slump – keeper

KEEPER Richard O'Donnell claims players have been left devastated by Walsall's late season collapse.

He said a run of just 13 points from 17 games has left the Saddlers with a distinct sense of under-achievement.

Dean Smith's men were in the thick of the play-off race for a large part of the season but now risk finishing in the bottom half of the table and O'Donnell admits it has hit the players hard.

"In January everything was looking really good and it was looking like we were going to get in the play-offs," he said.

"We have not won the games we needed to win in the last couple of months and everyone is devastated about that, to be honest.

"It's obvious in the changing room that everyone is really gutted about what has gone on."

Saturday's 3-2 defeat at already-relegated Stevenage, who were without a win in 10 games and played several youth team players, was their third loss in the last five matches. It was also the first time they have conceded three goals in an away league game this term.

O'Donnell says there is a strong desire to finish the season on a high by winning their final game against Colchester this Saturday.

Cup tie 'could be a classic'

WILL Pottinger says Cradley's Knockout Cup tie with Mildenhall has all the makings of a classic.

The bitter rivals will clash at Monmore Green on Tuesday, May 13 – the next Heathens home meeting – with the return at West Row the following Sunday.

And Cradley boss Pottinger believes his riders will need a handy lead from the home leg to take to Mildenhall.

"Anyone who follows the sport knows there is history between the two clubs and we're looking forward to the meetings," said Pottinger.

"Mildenhall have built a very impressive team once again this season and we know we will need to be firing on all cylinders if we are to get the better of them.

"I think most people recognise there are some clubs who are in serious contention for the silverware."

Wood in comfortable win to finish sixth

Walsall Wood 2 Rocester 0

Football

WOOD finished the season with a comfortable win over relegated Rocester, thus confirming them in sixth position in their first ever Midland Alliance season.

It took Wood just six minutes to go ahead, Andre Gonzales raced clear wide on the right, his low ball across the box was swept home at the far post by Craig Hancox.

The Shaw's combined again on 34 minutes, a long, high ball forward was knocked down by Liam into the path of David to hit a first time effort wide.

The instant reply from Wood saw Rock hit a superb left to right crossfield ball to find Deakin, his ball inside found Butlin to lay the ball back for Jamie Hawkins to fire first time wide.

Then on 55 minutes a long ball forward was played back to keeper Froggatt who sliced his clearance five yards to his left for Deakin to collect the ball round the keeper and calmly make it 2-0. Three minutes later Drew Aiton fed Butlin to race into the left of the box, Carl Allen forced him outside but he reached the byeline and his driven cross was inches away from being number three, nobody able to make the final touch.

On 66 minutes Aaron Dillon fired in a free kick from wide right, Gill saving just under the bar under pressure from Liam Shaw.

Three minutes later Aiton raced onto a through-ball, Froggatt making a full length save. Butlin was first to the loose ball but his first time effort was blocked by Froggatt and a defender for a left wing corner. Butlin's corner flying across the face of goal without anyone able to supply the final touch. With 83 minutes gone and a lovely, left wing, one-touch move ended with Aiton racing into the box and hitting a cross shot over the far angle. Right on time Aiton raced on to a ball on the right, Froggatt racing from his area to make a superbly timed sliding tackle. The last action of the 2013-14 season saw Butlin fire in a 25-yard central free kick, Froggatt clawing the ball out of his top right hand corner.

If Wood had started how they finished they would probably be celebrating another League title, but to finish sixth in the first season at Level 5 is a great achievement and everyone at the club is justifiably proud.

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Football

WE'LL likely never know exactly what words were said in the Walsall dressing room after the game.

Dean Smith will only be hoping they have the desired effect. The Saddlers boss usually makes a point of not addressing his players following a match.

But on Saturday, after seeing them slump to defeat against a Stevenage side already relegated and which hadn't won for the previous 10 games, he changed tack.

The significance of the post-match "chat" – as Smith described it, should not be ignored.

It was a clear indication of the manager's concerns about the late-season slump which is threatening to get out of hand.

Classified

With just two wins and 13 points garnered from the last 17 games, this can no longer be classified as a mere "blip" and Smith will be desperate to ensure the frustrations and sour mood do not linger and become a longer-term malaise.

As daft as it might sound when there is only one game remaining, the rot must stop here.

The Saddlers could not grasp the initiative during a sloppy first half and an error by the usually reliable James Chambers handed Jimmy Smith the chance to fire the hosts ahead.

Having rectified the situation courtesy of early second-half strikes from Mal Benning and Craig Westcarr, they then gifted the home side a route back before a terrible error by Benning handed Luke Freeman the winner on a plate.

Once again, we saw the best and worst of the young full-back, who despite excellent attacking play, still seems vulnerable and error-prone at the back.

This was either another indication he is not quite yet ready for a prolonged stay at left-back, or a further hint his long-term future may lie a little higher up the wing.

While focus will fall on the defensive errors, the game was really lost in the Saddlers' failure to impose themselves in the final third, particularly in a first half which was lackadaisical by their standards.

Sam Mantom and Westcarr both went close and Stevenage looked vulnerable every time the visitors attacked, but the moves lacked precision.

Once the hosts had the gained a foothold in the game, it became a more even contest. Certainly they will need to be better on Saturday against Colchester to claim an all-too-rare home victory which might breed some positivity.

Saddlers players celebrate after Mal Benning equalises following Stevenage's first-half strike

Benning backed to learn

MAL Benning was today backed to bounce back from his Stevenage horror show but told he must improve defensively.

The 20-year-old left-back experienced wildly contrasting emotions on Saturday, notching his second career goal for the Saddlers but also making the error which allowed Luke Freeman to score the winner for the hosts.

It is not the first time this season the teenager's defending has come under the spotlight and it had echoes of the 2-1 defeat at Coventry last month, when Benning scored his first career goal but was similarly at fault for the Sky Blues winner.

Boss Dean Smith believes Benning has a bright future, but admitted he must work on his defensive qualities. "It's a learning thing with Mal, he knows he has got to do better," said Smith.

"Going forward at the moment he looks a really good prospect but defensively he has got to get better, he knows that.

"He'll learn. It's similar to when he scored at Coventry and then made a mistake for their goal there as well. It's something he needs to

Tividale are on a cup mission

TIVIDALE will be hoping to stop Black Country Rangers' bid for a hat-trick of JW Hunt Cup triumphs.

The sides meet in the semi-final on Wednesday, May 7, at , Castlecroft, Wolverhampton at 7.30pm. Pelsall Villa and Sporting Khalsa meet in the other semi . The final is at Molineux – on May 21, 7.30pm.

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